

# CANADIAN EXPRESS LINE

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## Shows

*La Foire du Train Miniature*, the one-day dealer-only show held February in Laval, has expanded. An additional show will now be held on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The location is Pavillon du Boise, 3235 St-Martin ouest, Laval. If you are in the area, don't miss it – I'll have six tables full of goodies.

Two weeks later (October 16/17<sup>th</sup>) is *Railfair*, held, as usual, at Algonquin College, Woodroffe Road, Nepean, ON. You won't want to miss this one, either.

On Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, I will attend the *Woodstock Model Train Show* at Oxford Auditorium, Woodstock Fairgrounds, Woodstock, ON.

Finally, on October 30/31<sup>st</sup> the Montreal Railroad Modelers Association holds their annual *Exposition de Trains Miniatures* at 891 St-Paul ouest, Montreal, QC. This is an excellent chance to see several exceptional layouts on display – and me.

## Incentive Programme

It seems like a number of clubs have figured out how best to make use of the new Incentive Programme and are "climbing the ladder" fast. Well, slow down, or you'll drive me out of business. Seriously, remember that payment must be by cheque or money order to obtain the extra discount and that Overland brass does not count.

## Athearn

Due late October are more *Genesis* EMD F3s. Various combinations of A- and B-unit will be produced for Lackawanna and Northern Pacific. For more information and pricing, just Email me. Orders received by October 3<sup>rd</sup> will receive an extra 10% off my regular 15% discounted price.

A *Ready-To-Roll* EMD SD60 with all new tooling is due in November. Roads are CR, CR "Q", CSX, NS, Oakway and undecorated. There will be three numbers for each road. The price is US\$99.98, or C\$107.95 from me. For orders received before October 28<sup>th</sup>, I will reduce that by 10%.

Shipping in November in the *Ready-To-Roll* line are EMD F7A/F7B sets in four schemes. The A-unit will be powered and the B-unit will be a dummy. Details are: -

8036	CP #s 4027/4427, Tuscan and grey with block lettering
8037	GN #s 367C/374B, Sky Blue scheme
8038	MILW, orange
8038	SOO #s 502A/503C, red and white, large "SOO"

The price is US\$69.98, or C\$76.25 from me. For orders received before October 28<sup>th</sup>, I will reduce that by 10%.

Due later this month are more *Ready-To-Roll* EMD F59PHIs, this time in Amtrak West and Amtrak California. The prices are US\$74.98, or C\$81.75 from me. For orders received before October 3<sup>rd</sup>, I will reduce that by 10%.

Canadian Hobbycraft is producing the *Genesis* 50' Seico boxcar in a distinctive Ontario Northland scheme. It will be blue with white paint-over lettering and yellow chevrons. Details are: -

900015	ONR #10781	900019	ONR #10794
900016	ONR #10785	900020	ONR #10796

900017	ONR #10787	900026	1 each of 900015 to 900020
900018	ONR #10792		

The singles are **C\$35.95** each, whilst the 6-pack is **C\$189.95**. The cars are due in January and will be limited to 100 assortments.

Another group of *Ready-To-Roll* 50' express reefers will soon be shipped. Roads covered are GN, CRI&P, IC, MILW, MKT, and NC&StL. The price is US\$15.98, or **C\$17.50** from me. Again, for orders received before October 3<sup>rd</sup> I will reduce that by **10%**.

A new line of freight car loads starts shipping this month. They are specifically designed for the company's *Ready-To-Roll* cars. Details are: -

90430	Scrap load, 50' gondola	90433	Coal load, 50' Coalporter (x2)
90431	Coal load, 34' hopper (x2)	90434	Pulpwood load
90432	Coal load, 40' 4-bay hopper (x2)		

The single loads sell for **C\$9.95** and the doubles for **C\$6.95**.

A *Ready-To-Roll* Kenworth tractor with 20' container/chassis is due later in the month as follows: -

92630	Capital	92636	Hyundai
92631	Capital	92637	Hyundai
92632	Evergreen	92638	MSC
92633	Evergreen	92639	MSC
92634	Gold	92640	Uniglory
92635	Gold	92641	Uniglory

The newly tooled Kenworth tractor will have a sleeper, twin stacks, twin external air cleaners, twin horns, mirrors, windshield wipers, mud flaps, aluminium wheels, rubber tires and interior. The chassis will be short or extended as appropriate. The price will be US\$19.98, or **C\$21.95** from me. Again, for orders received before October 3<sup>rd</sup> I will reduce that by **10%**.

A *Ready-To-Roll* fire rescue truck with conventional Ford "C" cab, late 1960s era, is due this month. It will be delivered in six US schemes. E-mail for details.

### Atlas

The Fairbanks-Morse H24-66 Train Master has just arrived. This is the first locomotive to be shipped with a sound option, the factory-installed *QSI Quantum System*. To top it off, there are units available in Canadian Pacific colours. Here are the details again, for the benefit of new subscribers: -

#### ❖ DCC-ready (NMRA 8-pin plug)

7800	undec, Phase 1a (single headlight, small number boards)
7801	undec, Phase 1b (single headlight, large number boards)
7805	Lackawanna #854, Phase 1a (grey/maroon/yellow)
7806	Lackawanna #858, Phase 1a (grey/maroon/yellow)
7807	Lackawanna no #, Phase 1a (grey/maroon/yellow)
7808	Southern Pacific #4803, Phase 1b (black/silver/orange)
7809	Southern Pacific #4809, Phase 1b (black/silver/orange)
7810	Southern Pacific no #, Phase 1b (black/silver/orange)
7811	Virginian #52, Phase 1b (black/yellow)
7812	Virginian #65, Phase 1b (black/yellow)
7813	Virginian no #, Phase 1b (black/yellow)
7814	Canadian Pacific #8907, Phase 2 (maroon/grey/yellow)

7815	Canadian Pacific #8914, Phase 2 (maroon/grey/yellow)
7816	Canadian Pacific no #, Phase 2 (maroon/grey/yellow)
7817	Jersey Central #2409, Phase 2 (green, yellow stripes)
7818	Jersey Central #2413, Phase 2 (green, yellow stripes)
7819	Jersey Central no #, Phase 2 (green, yellow stripes)
7820	Pennsylvania #8701, Phase 2 (Brunswick green/gold)
7821	Pennsylvania #8705, Phase 2 (Brunswick green/gold)
7822	Pennsylvania no #, Phase 2 (Brunswick green/gold)

❖ With Decoder and Sound (QSI sound with dual speakers)

7700	undec, Phase 1a (single headlight, small number boards)
7701	undec, Phase 1b (single headlight, large number boards)
7705	Lackawanna #850, Phase 1a (grey/maroon/yellow)
7706	Lackawanna #859, Phase 1a (grey/maroon/yellow)
7707	Southern Pacific #4802, Phase 1b (black/silver/orange)
7708	Southern Pacific #4805, Phase 1b (black/silver/orange)
7810	Southern Pacific no #, Phase 1b (black/silver/orange)
7709	Virginian #51, Phase 1b (black/yellow)
7710	Virginian #55, Phase 1b (black/yellow)
7711	Canadian Pacific #8905, Phase 2 (maroon/grey/yellow)
7712	Canadian Pacific #8917, Phase 2 (maroon/grey/yellow)
7713	Jersey Central #2408, Phase 2 (green, yellow stripes)
7714	Jersey Central #2410, Phase 2 (green, yellow stripes)
7715	Pennsylvania #8703, Phase 2 (Brunswick green/gold)
7716	Pennsylvania #8706, Phase 2 (Brunswick green/gold)

There are many new features on these locomotives. To find out the full specification, see photos and hear the sound, visit [www.atlasrr.com](http://www.atlasrr.com). The DCC-ready version is priced at US\$139.95 and the sound version is US\$249.95. For the former, my price is [C\\$149.95](#). For the latter, my price is [C\\$264.95](#).

Also now in stock is the latest release of the ALCo S2, which includes the following: -

		US Retail	My Price
8728	CP Rail #7056, Action red, Multimark	\$89.95	<a href="#">C\$92.25</a>
8729	CP Rail #7063, Action red, Multimark	\$89.95	<a href="#">C\$92.25</a>

New road names and numbers have been announced for the 17 360-gallon tank car, for February delivery. The price is US\$22.95, or [C\\$23.50](#) from me. New paint schemes are: -

15611	ACFX – Hooker (blk/wte/org) #85437	15632	GATX (blk/wte) #TBA
15612	ACFX – Hooker (blk/wte/org) #85440	15641	HOKX (gry/wte) #132503
15621	GATX (wte w/blk band) #35647	15642	HOKX (gry/wte) #132589
15622	GATX (wte w/blk band) #36736	15651	PPGX (blk/wte) #1742
15631	GATX (blk/wte) #35690	15652	PPGX (blk/wte) #1866

New road numbers are: -

15603	SHPX (blk/wte) #240282	15604	SHPX (blk/wte) #240381
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Please pre-order a.s.a.p. to ensure delivery.

Canadian Hobbycraft has commissioned an exclusive run of the ready-to-run 33 000-gallon l.p.g. tank car in two Canadian paint schemes. Item 559000 is a 6-pack of cars in Canadian General Transit Company Limited (CGTX) white and black, whilst item 559006 is a 6-pack in Superior Propane (UTLX) yellow with red "Superior" logo. The cars are due in January, will be limited to 100 of each, and will be priced at [C\\$181.95](#) per 6-pack. Although single cars are not being marketed separately, I will split the packs and sell singles for [C\\$31.95](#) each.

### **Branchline Trains**

Several more of their growing line of *Laser-Art* trackside industry kits are ready for delivery. The latest are: -

	US Retail	<a href="#">My Price</a>
682 Meat packing plant	\$94.98	<a href="#">C\$106.95</a>
684 County Feed	\$79.98	<a href="#">C\$89.95</a>
685 Caldwell Tool & Die	\$79.98	<a href="#">C\$89.95</a>

Visit their web site or note their ad. On page 83 of October's *Model Railroader* for photos and more info.

### **Broadway Limited**

They have just announced a NYC S1b 4-8-4 Niagara steam locomotive. There will be three NYC road numbers and one unlettered. The price is US\$329.99 so mine will be around [C\\$369.95](#). No date for delivery is apparent.

### **InterMountain Railway Co.**

The *Pinnacle Series* PS 5277 cu.ft boxcar in Canadian National sold out very fast and I was not able to fill my orders. If you didn't receive yours they have been backordered for the second release. I do, however, have a few of the Railbox schemes left.

As the Canadian paint schemes do disappear very fast, I have transcribed details from the company's "Upcoming Product Release" which may be of interest, viz.

45357	4750 Cubic Foot Rib Sided Hopper	Dickens Elevator
45355	4750 Cubic Foot Rib Sided Hopper	AGP
45330	4750 Cubic Foot Rib Sided Hopper	Grain Train
45359	4750 Cubic Foot Rib Sided Hopper	CNW (Yellow)
<b>46211</b>	<b>ACF Type 27 10,000 G Tank Car</b>	<b>CGTX - Canadian General Trans</b>
46401	60' Wood Deck Flat Car	OTTX
46407	60' Wood Deck Flat Car	KCS
<b>46806</b>	<b>Mod'd 40' Boxcar - Cdn Style</b>	<b>CN Maple Leaf - slant leaf</b>
47027	ACF 4650 Cu Ft 3-Bay Hopper	General Chemical
47029	ACF 4650 Cu Ft 3-Bay Hopper	N & W early
47030	ACF 4650 Cu Ft 3-Bay Hopper	N & W late
47026	ACF 4650 Cu Ft 3-Bay Hopper	Sterling
47032	ACF 4650 Cu Ft 3-Bay Hopper	Tenneco
47025	ACF 4650 Cu Ft 3-Bay Hopper	Georgia Kaolin
47201	Husky Stack Container Car	TTX
47301	Thrall Well Container Car	TTX
47302	Thrall Well Container Car	APL - red
47305	Thrall Well Container Car	TTX - APL

47306	Thrall Well Container Car	TTX - APC
47403	R-30-10 Refrigerator Car	PFE (Double Herald)
47510	PS 5277 Cu Ft Ext Post Boxcar	BNSF - Brown
47511	PS 5277 Cu Ft Ext Post Boxcar	CSX Blue
47513	PS 5277 Cu Ft Ext Post Boxcar	BN (w/Superior Door)
47504	PS5277 Cu Ft Exterior Post Boxcar	BN (Green)
47509	PS 5277 Cu Ft Ext Post Boxcar	Railbox - Late
47610	Gunderson Twin Stack	ATSF - yellow
47611	Gunderson Twin Stack	SP- yellow
47612	Gunderson Twin Stack	BN (green)
47613	Gunderson Twin Stack	Twin Stack - red
47609	Gunderson Twin Stack	CSX Blue
47606	Gunderson Twin Stack	BN - yellow
47805	Trinity Industries 19K Tank Car	Cargill
47903	Stock Car	CB&Q

These are items that will be run in the next three months or so, but you may pre-order now to ensure your order is filled. Prices are the usual list minus 15%.

### Kato

As previously mentioned, the next locomotive to hit the shelves will be an EMD SD38-2, expected in January. I now have full details and can accept reservations. The details are: -

37-6531	Duluth, Missabe & Iron Range #210, maroon/gold "Arrowhead" scheme, 4000-gal. fuel tank, 2-cylinder truck, dynamic brakes
37-6481	Duluth, Missabe & Iron Range #215, maroon/gold "Arrowhead" scheme, 3200-gal. fuel tank, 3-cylinder truck, dynamic brakes
37-6482	Elgin, Joliet & Eastern #659, orange, 3200-gal. fuel tank, 3-cylinder truck, dynamic brakes
37-6483	Elgin, Joliet & Eastern #665, orange, 3200-gal. fuel tank, 3-cylinder truck, dynamic brakes
37-6491	US Steel #1, blue/green, 3200-gal. fuel tank, 2-cylinder truck, dynamic brakes
37-6490	Undecorated, 3200-gal. fuel tank, 2-cylinder truck, both dynamic brake and non-dynamic brake hatches
37-6521	Chicago & North Western #6652, green/yellow, 4000-gal. fuel tank, 3-cylinder truck, non-dynamic brakes
37-6522	Chicago & North Western #6656, "Operation Lifesaver" scheme, 4000-gal. fuel tank, 3-cylinder truck, non-dynamic brakes
37-6501	Union Pacific #2801, yellow/grey, 3200-gal. fuel tank, 2-cylinder truck, non-dynamic brakes
37-6502	Union Pacific #2804, yellow/grey, 3200-gal. fuel tank, 2-cylinder truck, non-dynamic brakes
37-6511	Union Pacific #Y833, yellow/grey with winged shield and lightning bolt, 3200-gal. fuel tank, 2-cylinder truck, non-dynamic brakes
37-6512	Union Pacific #Y835, yellow/grey with winged shield and lightning bolt, 3200-gal. fuel tank, 2-cylinder truck, non-dynamic brakes

Features will be as per their latest standards and the price will be US\$140.00 (or US\$145.00 for the C&NW and UP units). Due to the improving dollar, I can offer these for only **C\$146.95**, or **C\$152.25** for C&NW or UP. Please send in your reservations a.s.a.p.

### Life-Like

A brand new *Proto 2000* locomotive due for delivery in February is a GE U28B, which will be available with or without QSI sound. Roads coming in the first release are BN, CSX, PC, Seaboard, MILW, CR and undecorated. Prices are US\$140.00 and US\$240.00 for units without and with sound, respectively. Mine will be **C\$146.95** and **C\$251.95**. Please pre-order before October 20<sup>th</sup>.

The *Proto 1000* 36' Fowler boxcars are arriving. Overshadowing the fact that these are excellent fully assembled models of a much-needed car was the fact that the CN and CP cars were shipped with part of the lettering missing (the TH&B units are okay). Canadian Hobbycraft is getting their supplier to produce correctly lettered body shells in the next 6-8 weeks. I will hold the defective ones and ship these and the replacements to my clients on their arrival (so you get extra body shells to play with). Anyway, I do have TH&B singles in stock for **C\$32.95** each.

Following on from above is news that a Fowler stock car is due in March. It will have 5' wood doors, steel roof and AAR trucks with Simplex bolsters. Again, it will have a die-cast metal chassis and be fully assembled. The first release will be Canadian National and Canadian Pacific, as follows: -

900000	CN #170179	900007	CP #274082
900001	CN #170389	900008	CP #275487
900002	CN #171024	900009	CP #275779
900003	CN #171038	900010	CP #276806
900004	CN #171166	900011	CP #275487
900005	CN #171388	900000A 1 each of 900000 to 900011	
900006	CP #272515		

There will only be 75 of the assortments produced. The price - they will be **C\$37.95** each, or **C\$389.95** for the 12-pack.

A second release of the 50' NSC newsprint boxcars with graffiti has been announced. This time the regular Canadian National boxcar red with noodle scheme will be covered (sorry). Details are: -

400307	CN #403010	400312	CN #403011
400308	CN #403031	400313	CN #403100
400309	CN #403039	400314	CN #403129
400310	CN #403050	400316	1 each of 400307 to 400314
400311	CN #403055		

The cars will be **C\$36.95** each or **C\$263.95** for a 6-pack.

Another run of the *Proto 2000* war emergency steel side hopper car kit is coming in December. Roads will be ACL, ATSF, B&O, N&W, C&O, SCL, SR, Wabash and undecorated. The price will be **C\$21.50** each – pre-orders only.

### Overland Models

This is the last chance to guarantee delivery of the forthcoming GE Dash 8-40CM locomotive. It is due out next year in several BC Rail, Canadian National and Quebec North Shore & Labrador schemes. CN is represented by the striped scheme and the CN North America map/noodle scheme. The model is a very limited run and is of a prototype that is unlikely to be produced in plastic. The US retail price will be \$875.00. My price, based on the current exchange rate, will be around **C\$1100.00** to

C\$1150.00. Go to [www.overlandmodels.com/catalog/index.php?cPath=59\\_60\\_61\\_69](http://www.overlandmodels.com/catalog/index.php?cPath=59_60_61_69) for photos and full details.

### **Peco**

Note that the company has introduced a line of Code 83 track products, to complement their existing Code 75 and 100 lines. It features authentic tie sizes and spacing, the standard North American number system for frog geometry, plus a very fine scale representation of the traditional rail spike fastenings. As before, there is a choice of insulated or live frogs. Available now are the following:

SL-8300	Flex-track, 36" length
SL-E8351	#5 R/H turnout, electrofrog
SL-8351	#5 R/H turnout, insulfrog
SL-E8352	#5 L/H turnout, electrofrog
SL-8352	#5 L/H turnout, insulfrog
SL-E8361	#6 R/H turnout, electrofrog
SL-8361	#6 R/H turnout, insulfrog
SL-E8362	#6 L/H turnout, electrofrog
SL-8362	#6 L/H turnout, insulfrog
SL-E8364	#6 crossing, electrofrog
SL-8364	#6 crossing, insulfrog
SL-8310	N/S rail joiners
SL-8311	Insulating rail joiners
SL-8314	Track fixing pins
SL-8356	Inspection pit

Please enquire for price and delivery on these items.

### **Precision Scale Co.**

I am informed that there are still a few of the 36-ton and 42-ton 2-truck Shay locomotives left, both oil- and wood-burners and HO or Hon3. If you want to grab one of these – hurry. Prices are available on request.

### **Train Control Systems**

A new mobile “micro” decoder has just been introduced – the MC2. It is a 2-function 1A HO or N scale decoder with miniature 7 pin harness connector. The size is an incredible 0.71” x 0.49” x 0.19”. See [www.tcsdcc.com/decoder/mc2](http://www.tcsdcc.com/decoder/mc2) for full details. The price is US\$26.95 each, or C\$28.50 from me.

### **Trident Miniatures**

A vehicle of interest now available is a Chevrolet 1-ton box van painted in RCMP colours (predominantly white with stripes and logos). This is item 90261 and is priced at US\$13.99, or C\$16.95 from me.

### **Walthers**

Here are several new buildings and freight cars to be delivered in the next few weeks: -

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		Retail	
932-4472	Ore car, Duluth, Missabe & Iron Range, r-t-r (x12)	\$79.98	C\$94.25
932-5375	Trinity 2-bay cement hopper car, Wisconsin Central	\$17.98	C\$21.25
932-25375	Trinity 2-bay cement hopper car, Wisconsin Central (x2)	\$35.98	C\$42.50
932-34229	41' ballast hopper car, MILW r-t-r (x3)	\$39.98	C\$47.25
932-34230	41' ballast hopper car, CN (orange w/black noodle) r-t-r (x3)	\$39.98	C\$47.25
932-34231	41' ballast hopper car, SOO (brown w/white lettering) r-t-r (x3)	\$39.98	C\$47.25
932-34232	41' ballast hopper car, CP Rail (black w/red/white Multimark) r-t-r (x3)	\$39.98	C\$47.25
933-2823	"Dayton Machine Co.", assembled	\$39.98	C\$47.25
933-3616	"The Daily Examiner", easy-to-build kit	\$54.98	C\$64.95
933-3617	"All Needs Insurance Agency", easy-to-build kit	\$44.98	C\$52.95

Note that the prices given above for forthcoming US manufacturer's products are based on the current exchange rate of 1.28. The final prices will vary with this rate.

That's it for now - hope to hear from you soon. Remember, if you like what you read, forward it to a friend.

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