

# CANADIAN EXPRESS LINE

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## Canadian Express Line web site

I must thank a number of regular clients for their comments and suggestions, some of which I have or will incorporate. I hope to continue adding to the “HO products & accessories” section in the coming weeks. Meanwhile, the prices therein are current for ordering purposes. I haven’t mastered the “NEW RELEASES” and “ON SALE” sections yet, but hope to get that working in a little while.

## Athearn

As usual, there are a lot of new products coming along. The best way to get more information on any of the items below is to go to [www.athearn.com](http://www.athearn.com); click on “Advanced Search” (top right of home page); type in some key words or use the Search Favourites. Better still, subscribe to “Athearn News” from the home page.

Due in February are more *Genesis* EMD F3s. Various combinations of A- and Bunit will be produced for D&RGW, KCS, WP and L&N. For more information and pricing, just E-mail me.

In March comes a *Genesis* EMD SD70M in UP colours for the price of US\$144.98, or **C\$151.95** from me.

The *Genesis* 50’ NACC boxcar is due next month in six new paint schemes, including Delaware & Hudson. The price is US\$24.98, or **C\$26.25** from me.

Also shipping January in the *Ready-To-Roll* line are more of the EMD GP35 Phase 1a. The new roads are C&O, C&NW, Erie Lackawanna, Reading, SP and WM.

The price is US\$84.98 to US\$87.98, or **C\$88.95** to **C\$91.95** from me.

A *Ready-To-Roll* EMD GP40-2 is also due in January. Delivered in BN, Chessie C&O, CSX, RF&P, Chessie B&O and Frisco, it will be priced at US\$69.98, or **C\$73.25** from me.

More *Ready-To-Roll* EMD SD60s are coming next month, this time in BN, C&NW, KCS and SOO. The prices are US\$99.98 to US\$104.98, or **C\$104.50** to **C\$109.75** from me. I will give an extra **10%** discount if ordered before January 20<sup>th</sup>. Details of the SOO Line units are:-

91673	SOO Line #6042, red, white let’g	91675	SOO Line #6053, red, white let’g
91674	SOO Line #6048, red, white let’g		

A run of *Ready-To-Roll* GE C44-9Ws is coming next month, in BNSF Heritage, ATSF Warbonnet, CN, NS, CSX and SP. The prices are US\$94.98 to US\$99.98, or **C\$99.50** to **C\$104.50** from me. I will give an extra **10%** discount if ordered before January 20<sup>th</sup>. Details of the Canadian National units are:-

80873	CN, red/black, noodle	80874	CN, red/black, noodle
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The final locomotives for January will be EMD GP38-2s and SD40-2s in Helm Leasing colours, priced at US\$74.98 and US\$79.98, or **C\$78.50** and **C\$83.75** from me. I will give an extra **10%** discount if ordered before January 20<sup>th</sup>.

A *Ready-To-Roll* PS 3-bay covered hopper car will appear in January in five schemes, including:-

71684	CN/IC, noodle with web site	71685	CN/IC, noodle with web site
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The price will be US\$14.98, or **C\$15.75** from me. I will give an extra **10%** discount if ordered before January 20<sup>th</sup>. Note that all *Ready-To-Roll* now come with metal wheels and knuckle couplers.

Similarly, a *Ready-To-Roll* FMC 3-bay covered hopper car will appear in March in six schemes. This is an ex-Model Die Casting kit. The price will be US\$14.98 to \$15.98, or **C\$15.75** to **\$16.75** from me. I will give an extra **10%** discount if ordered before January 6th.

A *Ready-To-Roll* 60' flatcar, also ex-Model Die Casting, will make an appearance in March. It will have a simulated weathered wood deck. The price will be US\$12.98, or **C\$13.75** from me. Again, I will give an extra **10%** discount if ordered before January 6th. Details of some are as follows:-

92685	Delaware & Hudson	92691	Trailer Train, brown
92686	Delaware & Hudson	92692	Trailer Train, brown
92687	SOO Line, white	92693	Trailer Train, yellow
92688	SOO Line, white	92694	Trailer Train, yellow

The 57' mechanical reefer is back, in *Ready-To-Roll* form, in March. The price will be US\$13.98, or **C\$14.75** from me. Again, I will give an extra **10%** discount if ordered before January 6th. Of interest are:-

71145	Maine Central, yellow	71149	SOO Line, white, red doors
71146	Maine Central, yellow	71150	SOO Line, white, red doors

Also coming in March is a *Ready-To-Roll* heavy-duty 4truck flatcar, complete with removeable load. The price will be US\$21.98, or **C\$22.95** from me. Again, I will give an extra **10%** discount if ordered before January 6<sup>th</sup>. Some details are:-

92247	Trailer Train, yellow	92248	TTX, yellow
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A *Ready-To-Roll* Mack B tractor with 40' trailer is due for release in March, in five paint schemes. The price will be US\$24.98 to \$26.98, or **C\$26.25** to **\$28.25** from me. Along with this comes a Mack R 3-axle dump truck, for the price of US\$22.98 to \$23.98, or **C\$24.25** to **\$25.25** from me. Again, I will give an extra **10%** discount if ordered before January 6<sup>th</sup>.

A *Genesis* EMD SD75I in ON Rail colours, item 571502, is currently on sale, reduced to **C\$144.95**.

A number of the Ford C box vans are on sale, as follows:-

		<b>My Sale</b>
2742	red	<b>C\$14.95</b>
2743	blue	<b>C\$14.95</b>
81504	Ontario Northland	<b>C\$18.75</b>
81509	Coca-Cola	<b>C\$20.25</b>
81516	Canada Cartage	<b>C\$20.25</b>
815801	Reimer	<b>C\$22.50</b>
815802	Husband Transport	<b>C\$22.50</b>
815804	Canadian Cannery	<b>C\$22.50</b>
815807	Woolco	<b>C\$22.50</b>
815808	Dempsters	<b>C\$22.50</b>
8201	Coca-Cola	<b>C\$15.50</b>

Finally, two new freight car trucks are being released, as follows: -

90392	Allied full cushion	90393	Commonwealth 8', 4-wheel
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Both come as a pack of four trucks, for the price of C\$8.50.

## Atlas

A brand new locomotive coming in June is the GE B23-7. It will be released in undecorated, CR, CSX, MP, ATSF and UP. All these units will be available in the *Master Series Silver*, i.e DCC-ready, and *Master Series Gold*, i.e. with dual mode decoder and QSI sound system. The prices are US\$139.95 for the *Silver* and US\$249.95 for the *Gold*, or **C\$137.95** and **C\$245.95** from me, respectively.

New road names are coming in July for the Fairbanks-Morse H15-44 and H16-44 locomotives. This time Rock Island, NYC, SR, UP, B&O and PRR are to be produced. The price will be US\$149.95, or **C\$147.50** from me.

New road names have been announced for the NE-6 caboose, for March delivery. They are CR, Family Lines, NH, P&LE and Susquehanna. The price is US\$26.95, or **C\$26.50** from me.

The popular 17 600-gallon corn syrup tank car will appear, May, in new roads and paint schemes. The price will be US\$24.95 each, or **C\$24.75** from me. Details are:-

62391	ADM (ADMX), black/white	62423	CASCO (GATX), blk/wte
62392	ADM (ADMX), black/white	62431	GATX, black/white
62401	Cargill Foods (CRGX), blk/wte	62432	GATX, black/white
62402	Cargill Foods (CRGX), blk/wte	62441	Liquid Sugars (LSIX), blk/wte
62411	Cargill Foods (CRGX), blk/wte	62442	Liquid Sugars (LSIX), blk/wte
62412	Cargill Foods (CRGX), blk/wte	62451	Min. Corn Processors (SYRX)
62421	CASCO (GATX), blk/wte	62452	Min. Corn Processors (SYRX)
62422	CASCO (GATX), blk/wte		

The ACF 11 000-gallon tank car returns in June in more road names, including Hooker Chemicals of Niagara Falls, NY. The price will be US\$23.95 each, or **C\$23.50** from me.

A few locomotives currently on sale are:-

		Regular	My Sale
550251	MLW C424, undecorated, CN	\$159.95	<b>C\$134.95</b>
555010	EMD GP40-2M, GO #721	\$159.95	<b>C\$134.95</b>
555011	EMD GP40-2M, GO #723	\$159.95	<b>C\$134.95</b>

Coming in June is the *Quantum Engineer* controller. This has been created to allow DC users of Atlas *Master Gold Series* locomotives to take control of all the QSI® Quantum System™ sound features that were previously available only to users with DCC-equipped layouts. Now, in addition to the horn and bell sounds, users will be able to access different engine settings and effects such as number lights, flanges, dynamic brakes, coupler sounds, blower/fans, reverse lights and much, much more. In addition to these sound and lighting features, DC users are also able to access other advanced features such as programming options, locomotive braking, locomotive shut-down and start-up procedures, verbal scale speed readout etc. Set-up is easy, as the Quantum Engineer™ Controller is simply wired in between a standard DC power pack and the track. No other special equipment or wiring is required. The controller is item 325 and is priced at US\$69.95, or **C\$68.50** from me.

## Bachmann

Several *Spectrum* items are on sale in limited quantities, as follows:-

		US Retail	My Sale
81701	2-10-0 Russian Decapod, painted, unlettered	\$170.00	<b>C\$112.95</b>
81901	80-ton, 3-truck Shay, wood cab, ptd, unletter'd	\$275.00	<b>C\$179.95</b>
81902	80-ton, 3-truck Shay, steel cab, ptd, unletter'd	\$275.00	<b>C\$179.95</b>

81907	80-ton, 3-truck Shay, wood cab, ptd, unletter'd, oil	\$275.00	<b>C\$179.95</b>
82501	USRA Heavy Mountain 4-8-2, ptd, unletter'd, coal	\$200.00	<b>C\$147.95</b>
169461	Speeder w/cart & crane, CN		<b>C\$67.95</b>
169462	Ballast regulator, CN		<b>C\$67.95</b>
169473	Ballast regulator, CP		<b>C\$67.95</b>

Let me know a.s.a.p. on these.

### **Broadway Limited**

The 4-6 Hudson steam locomotives in Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo colours, road numbers 501 and 502, are on sale until the end of the year. They are reduced to **C\$399.95**.

### **Canadian Model Locomotive Works**

This new company, headed by Derrick Green in Nova Scotia, has commissioned Kaslo Shops to produce a resin GP9RM body shell representing all styles of the Canadian National chop-nose Geep. It will sit on a Proto 2000 GP7, GP9 or GP18 frame with only a small modification. It is a one piece shell complete with anticlimbers and a host of other resin parts. There is a stainless fret that includes windshield wipers, gratings, louvers, etc. and a bronze fret that has the handrail stanchions. There is also window glazing. The kit doesn't include MU hoses, rerailers, and a few other detail parts that individualize the model. A few of the kits that were delivered to a couple of prominent modellers to build as demonstrators. They have both praised up the model on Canmodeltrains discussion group on Yahoo. The kit retails for \$99.95 and is available now. If sufficient of you are interested I will be selling them - for the slightly reduced price of **\$94.95**. If you have further questions on the kit, contact Derrick at greenderrick@hotmail.com.

### **DPA-LTA Enterprises**

The 2005 edition of *The Official Locomotive Rosters & News* is now in stock. Priced at **C\$22.95**, this book now lists 807 current rosters with 2005 new orders and leased units. Every operating North American line, including all majors and regionals, is included.

Two other new books are *General Motors Streamlined Locomotives* and *General Motors Phenomenal SD40 Series*. Both are priced at **C\$23.95** each.

### **International Hobby Corp.**

Note that the heavyweight PS are back in stock in Canadian National green/black and Canadian Pacific Tuscan red. Eight different cars are available for each road. The price is still **C\$12.95** each.

### **InterMountain Railway Co.**

Good news for those of you that have been disappointed by the lack of kits recently. The company has released the 40' PS1 boxcar (6' door) in Canadian Pacific colours of boxcar red with stepped block lettering. Four numbers are available and the item number is 40410. The price is US\$17.95 each, or **C\$18.95** from me.

### **Life-Like**

The Canadian Hobbycraft run of "chop-nose" EMD GP9u and GP9RM locomotives has not been put into production at this point. The reason given is that there were insufficient pre-orders to justify the release. The company may go ahead at some point if more interest transpires, so I will keep all your pre-orders on file for now.

Note that the EMD GP20 announced recently in US and Canadian colours, has been cancelled. A few of the *Proto 2000* QSI sound-equipped EMD GP9 Phase I locomotives are still in stock.

### **Model Rectifier Corp.**

The company has released a 4-output DCC accessory decoder which integrates with their *Prodigy Advance* system to control four individual functions. It will control slow-motion or twin-coil switch machines, signals or building lights. Item number 1628 is priced at **C\$61.50**, or **10%** less if ordered before January 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Overland Models**

The long-awaited Canadian EMD SW1200RS series is being shipped and is selling out fast. Those still available at this point are as follows: -

		US Retail
10067.1	SW1200RS, CN #12xx, Class GR-12f, grn/yel	\$775.00
10067.2	SW1200RS, CN #12xx, Class GR-12d, blk/red/noodle	\$775.00
10067.3	SW1200RS, CN #121x, Class GR-12d, grn/yel	\$775.00
10068.1	SW1200RS, CN #136x, Class GR-12y, grn/yel	\$775.00
10068.3	SW1200RS, CN #13xx, Class GR-12y, blk/red/stripes	\$775.00
10069.1	SW1200RS, CN #730x, Class GS-412a, blk/red/noodle	\$775.00
10070.1	SW1200RSm, CN #710x, Class GS-413b, blk/red/noodle	\$775.00
10071.1	SW1200RS, CP #81xx, Class DRS-12x, mrrn/gry/block	\$765.00
10071.2	SW1200RS, CP #816x, Class DRS-12x, mrrn/gry/script	\$765.00
10071.3	SW1200RS, CP #81xx, Class DRS-12x, red/Multimark	\$765.00
10071.4	SW1200RSu, CP #12xx, Class DS-12, red/Multimark	\$765.00
10071.5	SW1200RS, CP #81xx, Class DRS-12x, mrrn/gry/block	\$765.00

If you have not reserved one, please contact me a.s.a.p. for availability and current price. I will be having a few units in stock.

### **MBI Publishing**

A new book of interest in this company's *Railroad Color History* series is *Canadian National Railway*, by Tom Murray. This 160-page hardcover book covers CN from its birth to the present day and includes its US affiliates. The retail price is C\$49.95 but mine is **C\$37.95**. It is in stock.

### **Rapido Trains**

Finally, the LRC coach kits are being shipped. I expect to receive all pre-ordered units during the month of January. I should be able to honour the price of **C\$68 – C\$75** originally agreed for these units. The retail price is now C\$99.95 and my price for new orders is now **C\$84.95**.

### **SoundTraxx**

A new product announcement is for a sound decoder for the Bachmann *Spectrum* On30 Climax steam locomotive. Due mid-month, it is item #820062 and is a DSD-series decoder, priced at US\$149.00, or **C\$149.95** from me.

Note that the prices given above for forthcoming US manufacturer's products are based on the current exchange rate of 1.23. 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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