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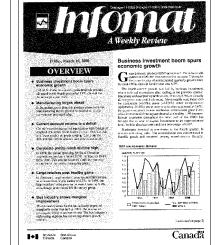
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Railway carloadings

Eight-day period ending February 29

Non-intermodal traffic loaded during the eight-day period ending February 29 increased 26.1% to 5.8 million tonnes compared with the same period of 1999. The number of cars loaded increased 24.6%.

Intermodal traffic tonnage totalled 500 000 tonnes, a 33.1% increase from the same period in 1999. The year-to-date figures show an increase of 19.2%.

Total traffic increased 26.6% during the period. This brought the year-to-date total to 43.3 million tonnes, an increase of 12.2% from last year.

All year-to-date figures have been revised.

For further information on this release, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Robert Larocque (613-951-2486; fax: 613-951-0009; *laroque* @statcan.ca), Transportation Division.

Civil aviation financial statistics

Third and fourth quarter 1999

Air Canada reported seasonally adjusted basic incomes of \$73 million in the third quarter of 1999 and \$114 million in the fourth quarter. Basic income or loss is measured by combining the operating income (before capital gains, miscellaneous items and tax) with interest expenses and interest income.

Air Canada has reported incomes in almost all quarters in the last three years. Prior to the latest quarter, the record basic income for the carrier had been \$113 million.

Canadian Airlines reported a seasonally adjusted basic loss of \$50 million in the third quarter of 1999 and a loss of \$71 million in the fourth quarter.

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The third and fourth quarter 1999 civil aviation financial statistics for Air Canada and Canadian Airlines will appear in the March issue of *Aviation service bulletin* (51-004-XIB, \$8/\$82). A print-on-demand service is also available. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Robert Lund (613-951-0125), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division.

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(Canada: \$11/\$103; outside Canada: US\$11/US\$103). Available at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15.

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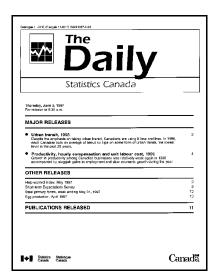
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