Daily Network Status Report (As of 23:59) 2021-05-06

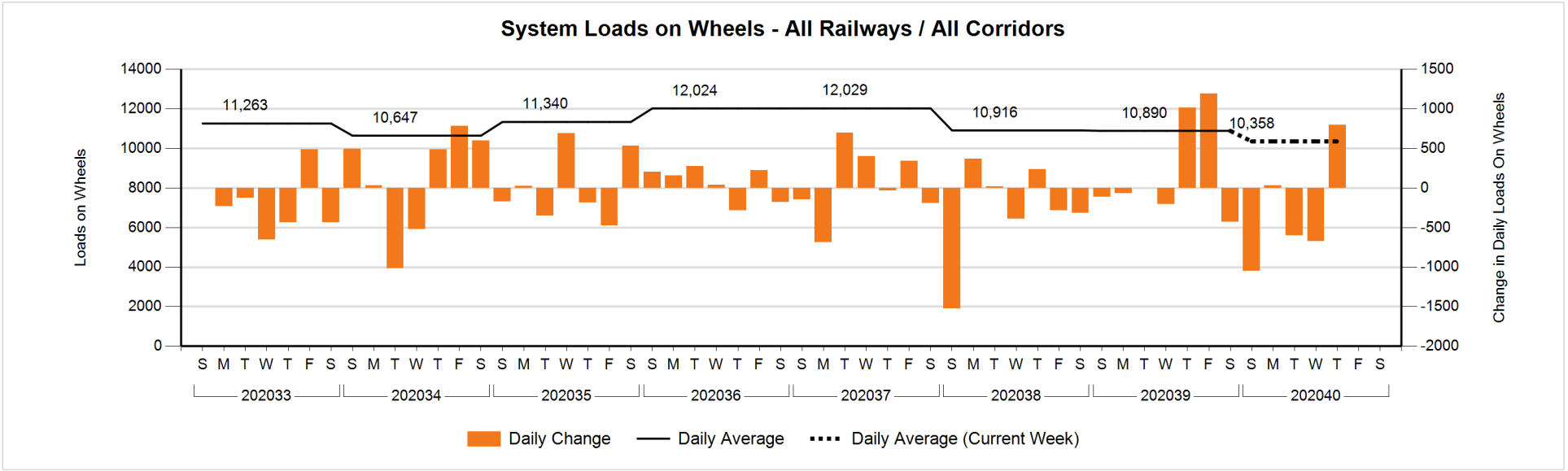
Highlights:

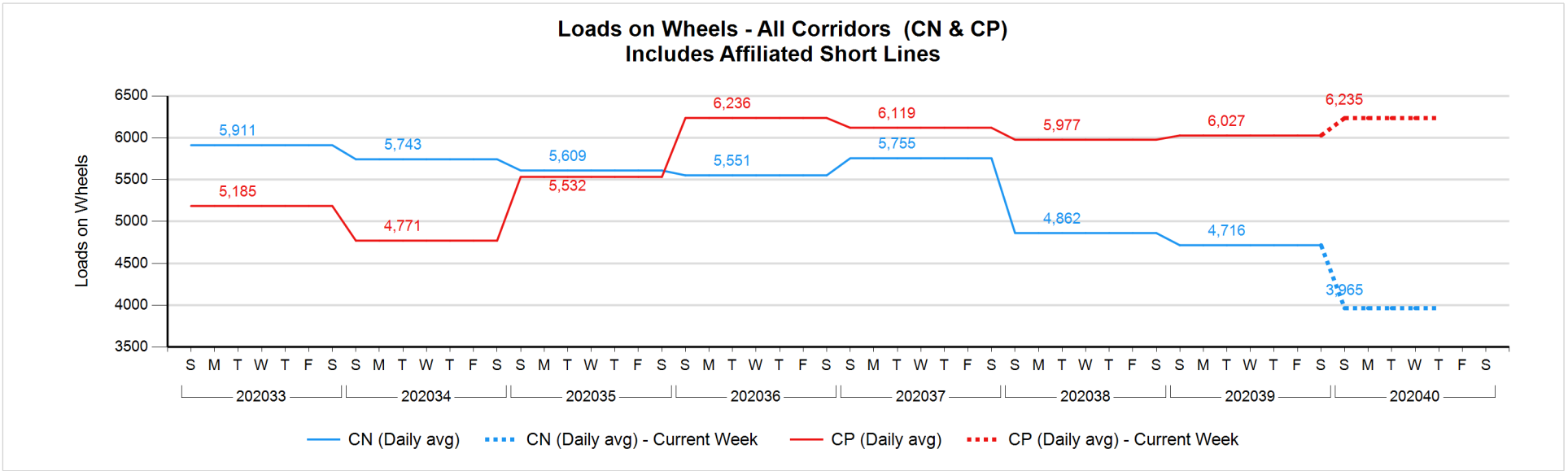
- Loads on Wheels
  - Loads on wheels increased yesterday for the first time in three days returning above the 10,000 car threshold.
  - Yesterday's increase reflects higher volumes for both CN and CP although more notably CP which saw loads on wheels increase some 12% yesterday.
- Cars Not Moving
  - Idle car counts declined for the fourth straight day yesterday falling below 1,900 cars on a system basis.
  - Yesterday's decline reflects improvements by both CN and CP in nearly equal measure.
- Port Unloads
  - West coast unloads (1,084) changed little from the prior day with lower unloads reported for Prince Rupert and little change seen at Vancouver.
  - Thunder Bay unloads declined yesterday once again falling short of the 300 car threshold.

	Today	Change from Yesterday	Percent Change from Yesterday	Daily Average (Current Week)	Daily Average (Prior Week to Date)	Percent Change from Prior Week
Loads On Wheels						
· Canadian National	3,819	280	8%	3,944	4,466	-12%
· Canadian Pacific	6,372	681	12%	6,203	5,729	8%
· Canadian Shortlines	14	-157	-92%	59	88	-33%
· US Railways	150	-9	-6%	151	134	13%
Total	10,355	795	8%	10,358	10,418	-1%
Loads Not Moving 48+ Hrs						
· Canadian National	201	-106	-35%	594	621	-4%
· Canadian Pacific	1,527	-89	-6%	1,776	1,188	50%
· Canadian Shortlines	10	-1	-9%	12	35	-66%
· US Railways	74	-7	-9%	82	52	58%
Total	1,812	-203	-10%	2,465	1,898	30%
Port Unloads						
· Vancouver	991	17	2%	1,008	875	15%
· Prince Rupert	93	-31	-25%	177	208	-15%
· Thunder Bay	238	-58	-20%	250	338	-26%
Total	1,322	-72	-5%	1,435	1,421	1%
· West Coast Unloads	1,084	-14	-1%	1,185	1,083	9%

Loads on Wheels

- System loads on wheels continue to average 10,400 cars per day thus far this week - some 4% lower than last week.
- Heading into the back half of week 40 the downward trend in system volumes continues to reflect higher volumes on CP and lower volumes on CN.

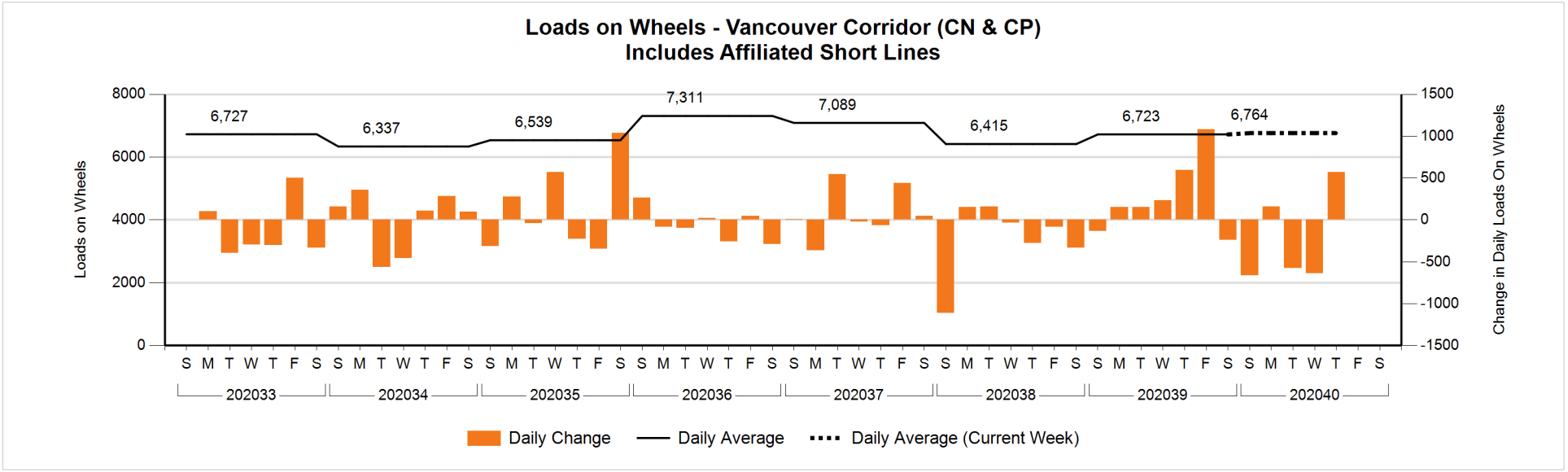




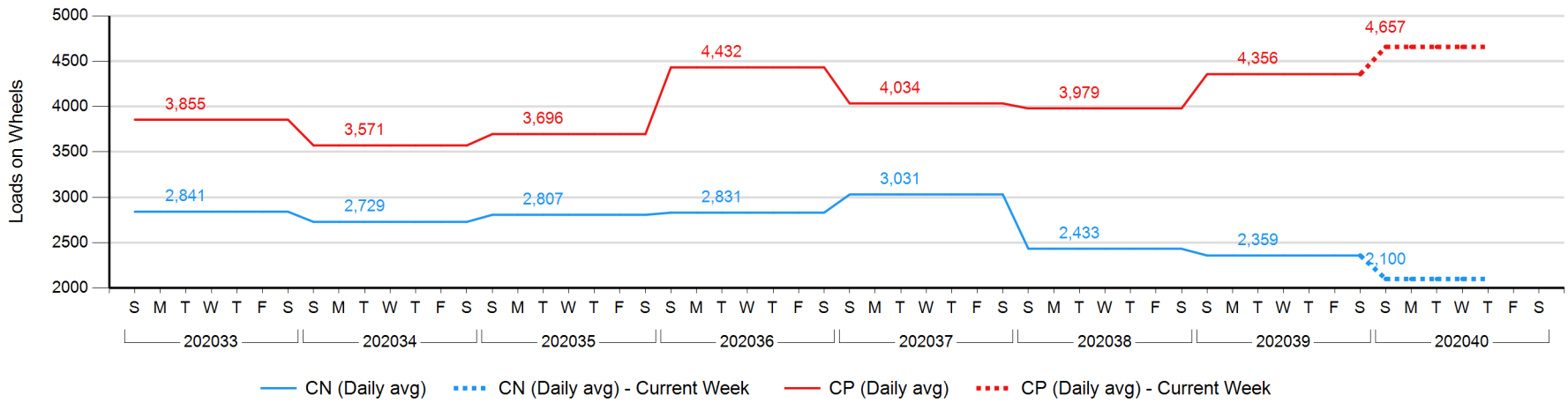
Loads on Wheels by Corridor

- Note to Reader - values in the table below may vary from those reported on page 1 as these reflect CN and CP including affiliated short lines while short lines are reported separately on page 1.
- CN volumes increased yesterday reflecting slightly higher volumes in multiple corridors. CP volumes increased reflecting higher volumes to Vancouver and Thunder Bay.

	Eastern Canada	USA / MEX	Thunder Bay	Western Canada	Prince Rupert	Vancouver	Total
CN							
Prior Day	149	138	438	57	1,121	1,737	3,640
Cars exiting corridor	24	7	116	10	93	462	712
New Cars Online	2	69	134	6	104	577	892
Net Change	-22	62	18	-4	11	115	180
Current Day	127	200	456	53	1,132	1,852	3,820
CP							
Prior Day	17	108	1,101	206	0	4,324	5,756
Cars exiting corridor	1	2	122	60	0	583	768
New Cars Online	2	1	335	14	0	1,041	1,393
Net Change	1	-1	213	-46	0	458	625
Current Day	18	107	1,314	160	0	4,782	6,381



Loads on Wheels - Vancouver Corridor (CN & CP)
Includes Affiliated Short Lines



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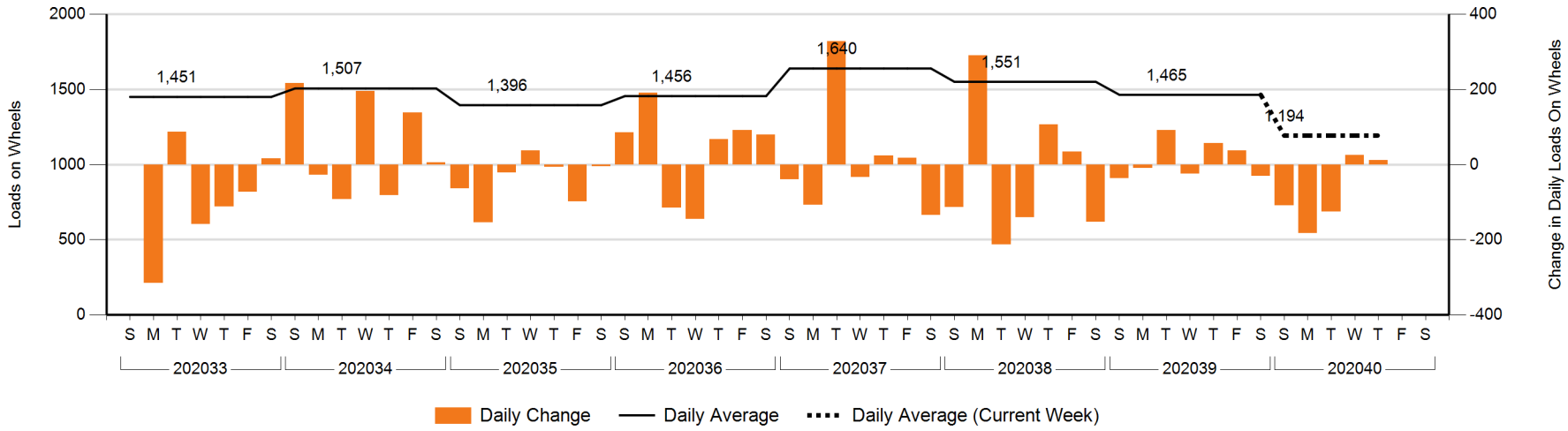

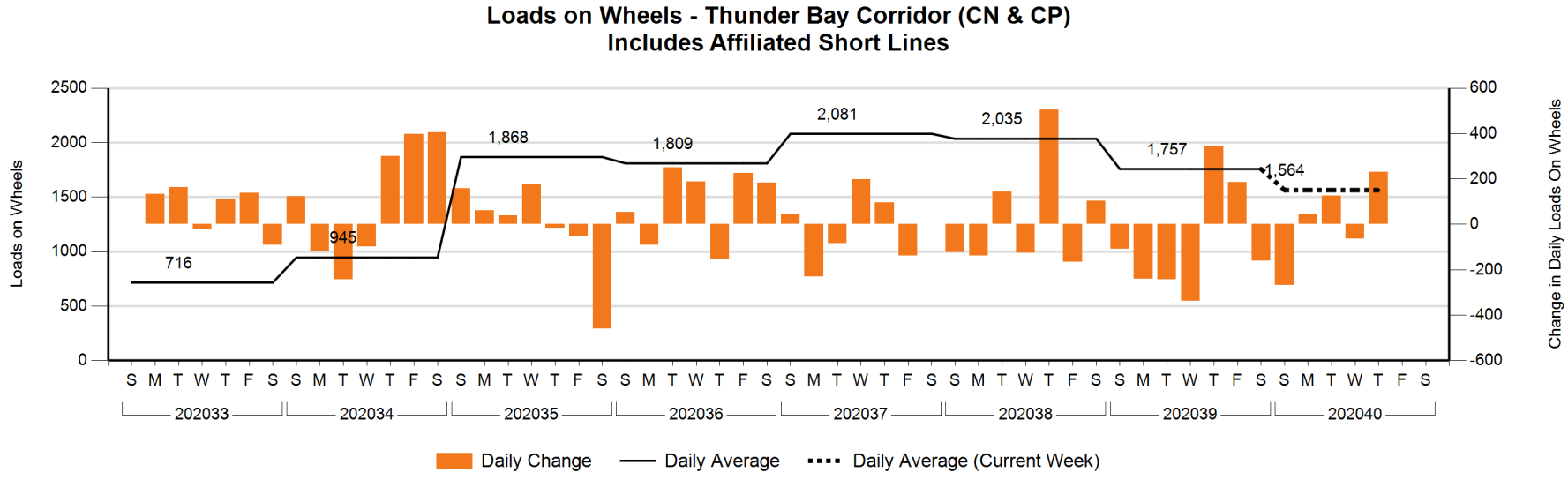
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Includes Affiliated Short Lines
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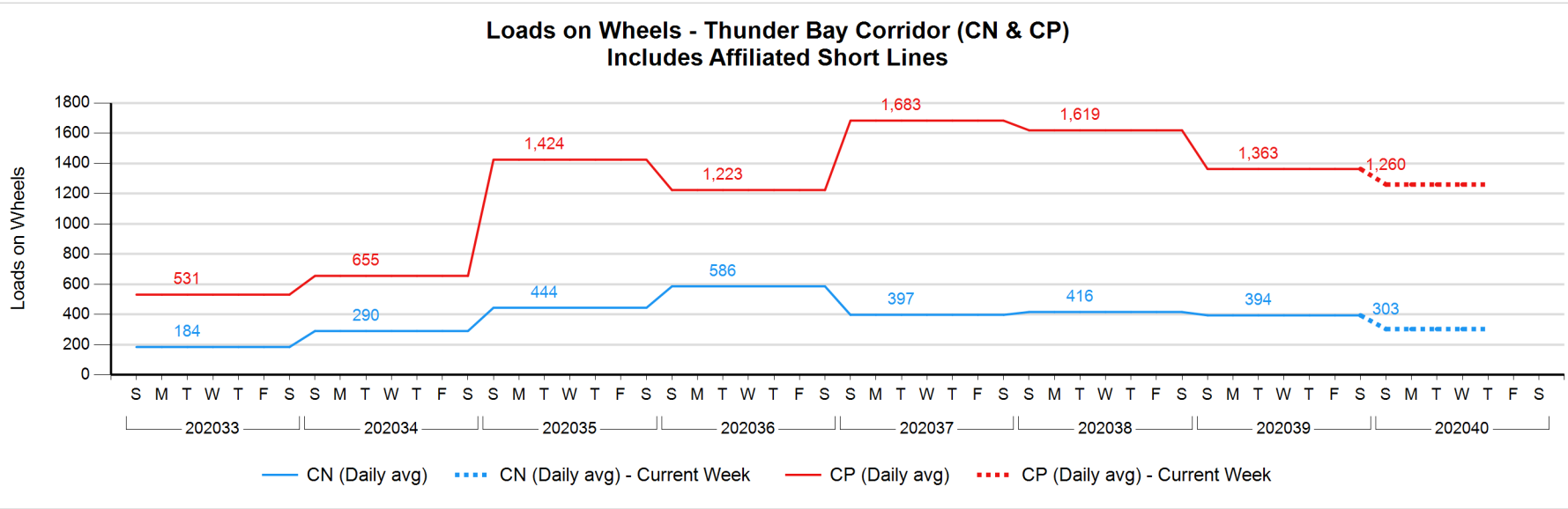
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Loads on Wheels
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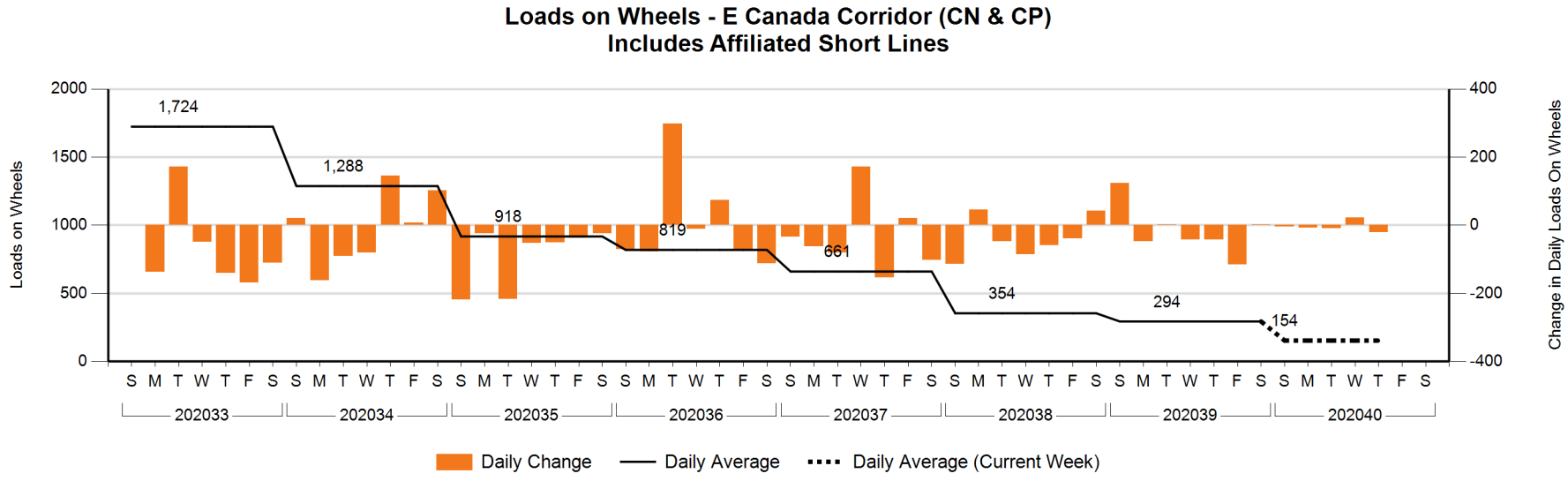
Loads on Wheels - E Canada Corridor (CN & CP)
Includes Affiliated Short Lines
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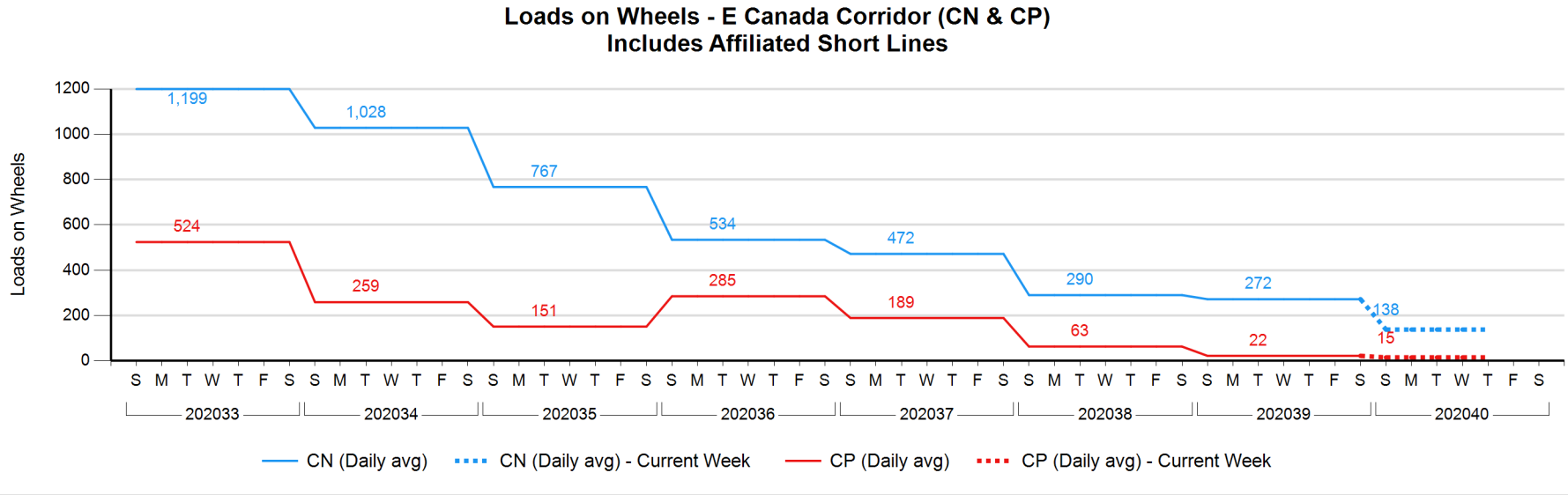
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Includes Affiliated Short Lines
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CP (Daily avg) - Current Week

Loads Not Moving 48+ Hours

- System idle car counts continue to improve having now declined for four straight days. Counts fell below 1,900 cars yesterday marking significant improvement since peaking above 3,400 cars last weekend.
- While both railways have shown improvement this week, the improvement seen on CN has far outpaced that seen on CP. Since peaking above 1,000 cars on Sunday CN has reduced its idle car counts by 80% with counts now right around 200 cars. CP by comparison saw their volumes peak at nearly 2,400 cars last Sunday and since then have reduced their counts by nearly the same amount in absolute terms (~ 800 cars) but representing only a 30% reduction.
- CN counts declined yesterday (- 106 cars) reflecting improvement in the Vancouver and Thunder Bay corridors.
- CP counts also declined yesterday (- 89 cars) reflecting nominal improvements across multiple corridors but no significant movement up or down in any one corridor.
- The disparity in the number of idle cars between CN and CP remains significant and is getting larger with CN counts having now fallen to 200 cars while CP counts remain above 1,500 cars or 7x CN's levels.
- Vancouver remains the issue for CP with 80% of idle cars (1,230 cars) in this corridor and with more than 700 of these cars continuing to dwell at origin locations.

24 Hour Change	Eastern Canada	USA / MEX	Thunder Bay	Western Canada	Prince Rupert	Vancouver	Total
CN							
Prior Day	13	58	52	25	9	151	308
Current Day	13	58	29	40	8	54	202
Net Change	0	0	-23	15	-1	-97	-106
CP							
Prior Day	5	96	148	126		1,250	1,625
Current Day	6	98	140	62		1,230	1,536
Net Change	1	2	-8	-64		-20	-89

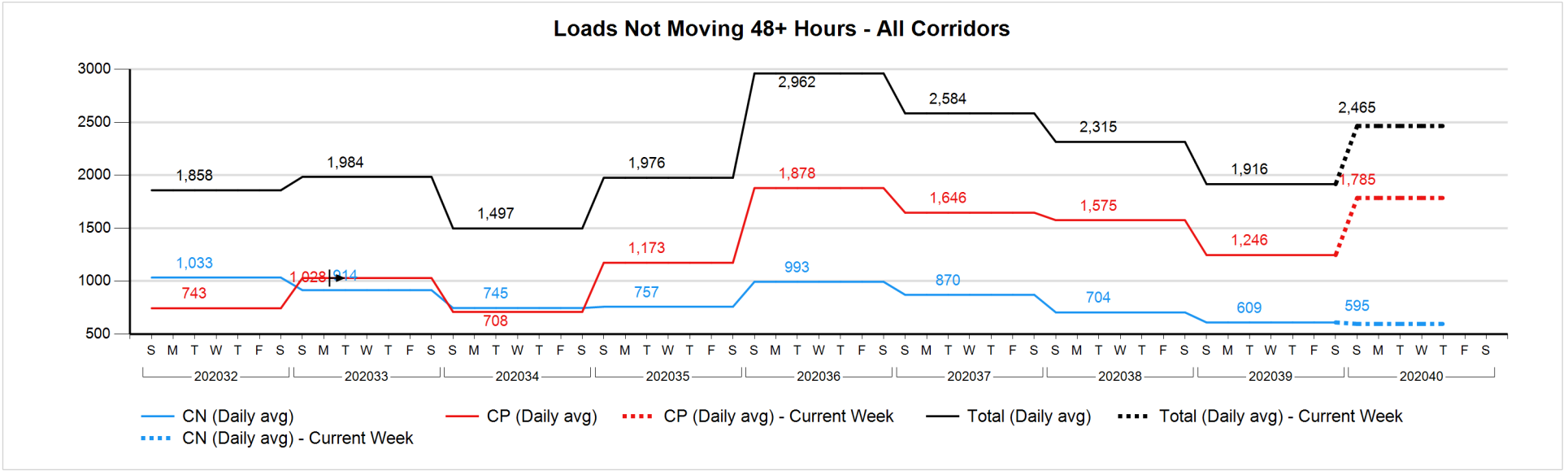
Percent Loads Not Moving	Eastern Canada	USA / MEX	Thunder Bay	Western Canada	Prince Rupert	Vancouver	Total
CN							
Prior Day	9%	42%	12%	44%	1%	9%	8%
Current Day	10%	29%	6%	75%	1%	3%	5%
CP							
Prior Day	29%	89%	13%	61%	0%	29%	28%
Current Day	33%	92%	11%	39%	0%	26%	24%

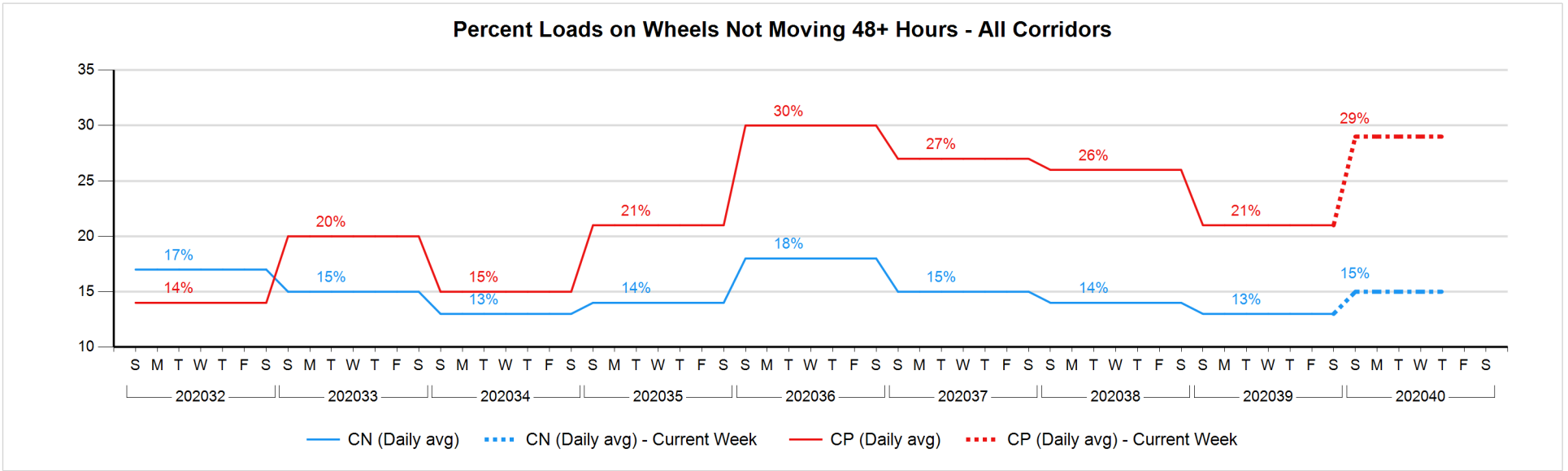
Current Day Status - Network Location	Eastern Canada	USA / MEX	Thunder Bay	Western Canada	Prince Rupert	Vancouver	Total
CN							
Origin	3	1		2		20	26
Enroute	8	53		22	8	8	99
Destination Yard				1		13	14
Destination (Placed)	2	4	29	15		13	63
CP							
Origin			111	3		736	850
Enroute	2	95	3	5		131	236
Destination Yard	3		24	10		362	399
Destination (Placed)	1	3	2	44		1	51

Percent Loads Not Moving	Eastern Canada	USA / MEX	Thunder Bay	Western Canada	Prince Rupert	Vancouver	Total
CN							
Origin	10%	2%	0%	40%	0%	4%	5%
Enroute	10%	43%	0%	69%	1%	1%	4%
Destination Yard	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	2%	2%
Destination (Placed)	14%	50%	73%	100%	0%	19%	21%
CP							
Origin	0%	0%	25%	100%	0%	47%	42%
Enroute	25%	97%	1%	6%	0%	6%	8%
Destination Yard	100%	0%	7%	29%	0%	43%	33%
Destination (Placed)	100%	100%	8%	100%	0%	1%	23%

Network Breakdown

- The percentage of loads on wheels for CN is marginally higher than last week while for CP this number remains significantly higher than last week reflecting the continued high level of idle cars.
- This metric can be volatile on a daily basis and as such a better guage of system performance is the weekly trend.





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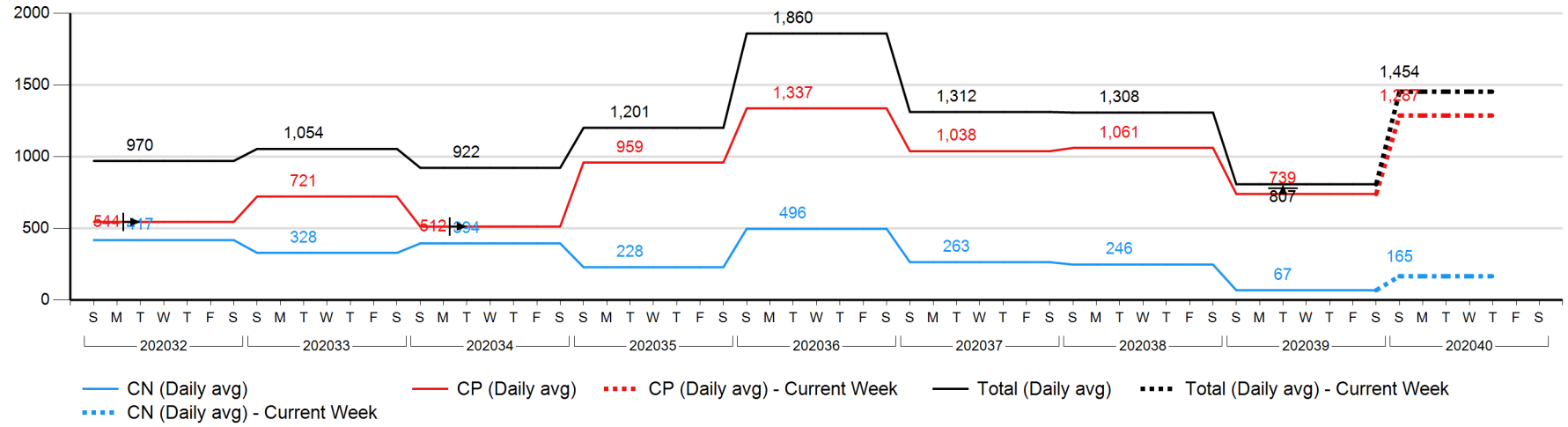
Loads Not Moving 48+ Hours - Vancouver Corridor
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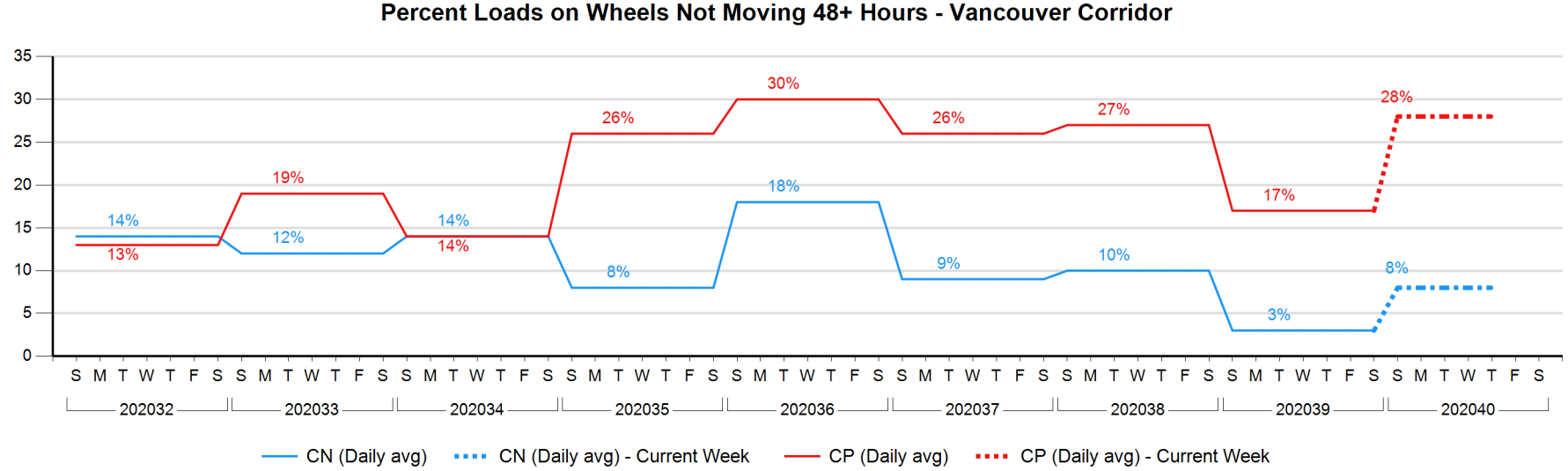
Percent Loads on Wheels Not Moving 48+ Hours - Vancouver Corridor
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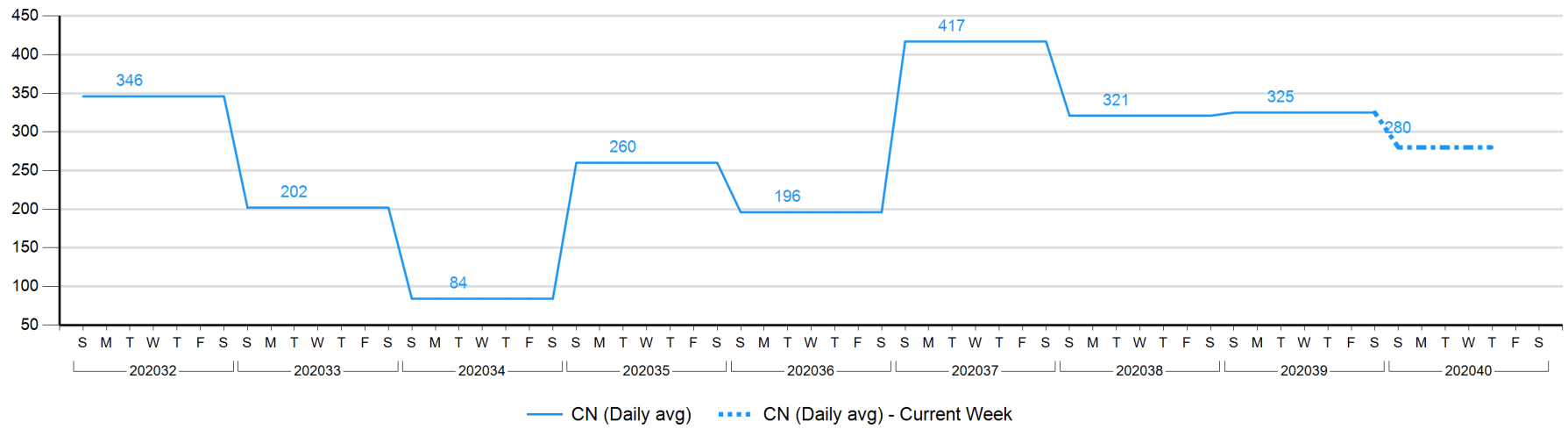

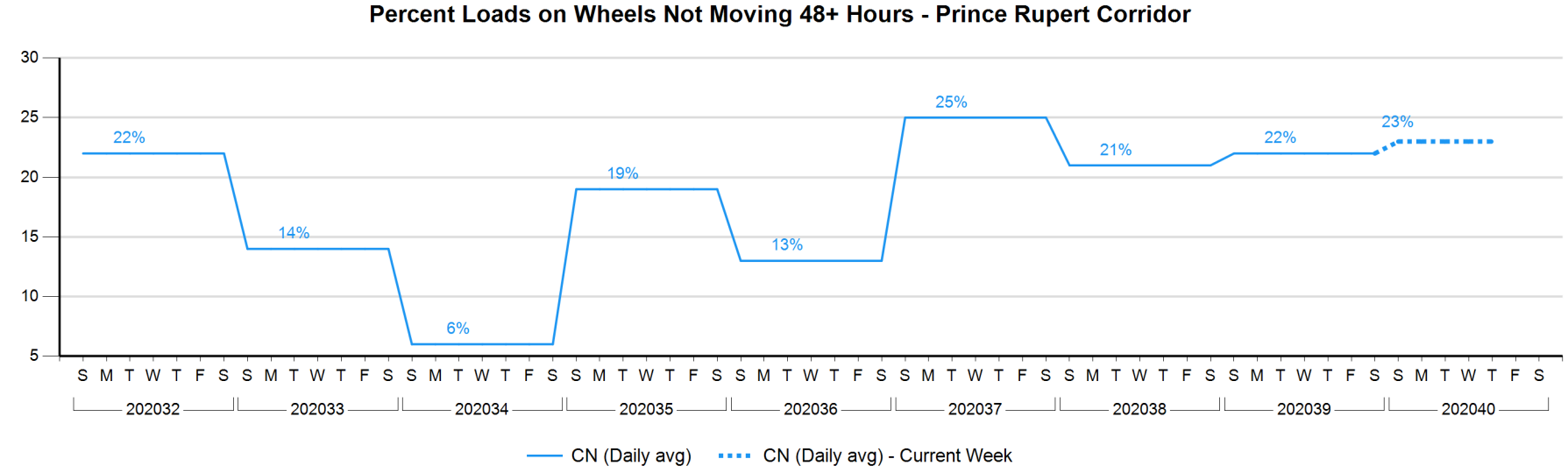

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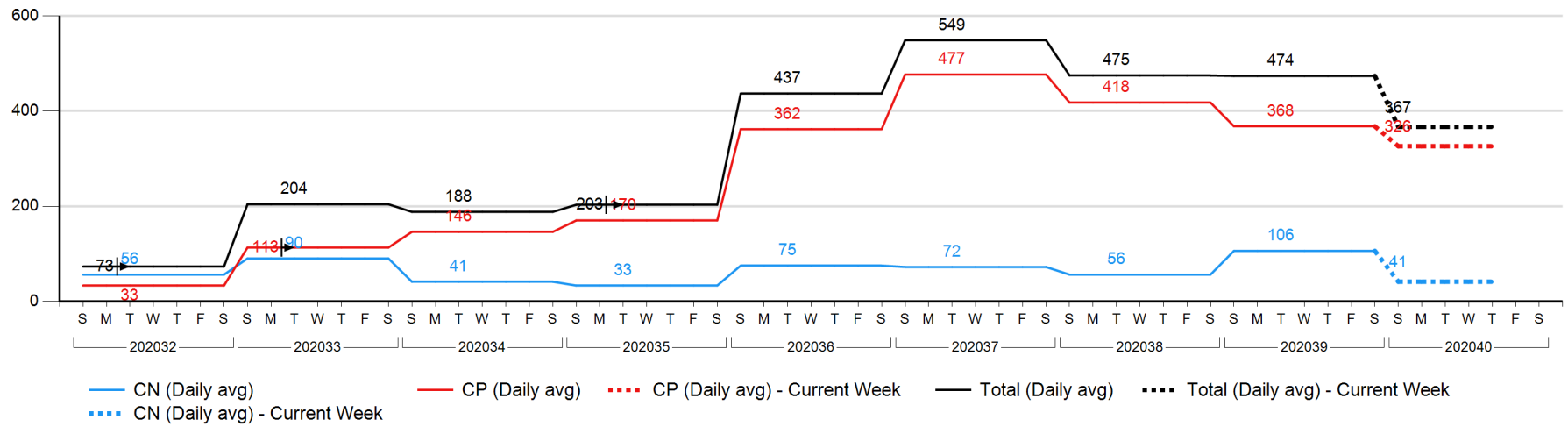
Loads Not Moving 48+ Hours - Thunder Bay Corridor
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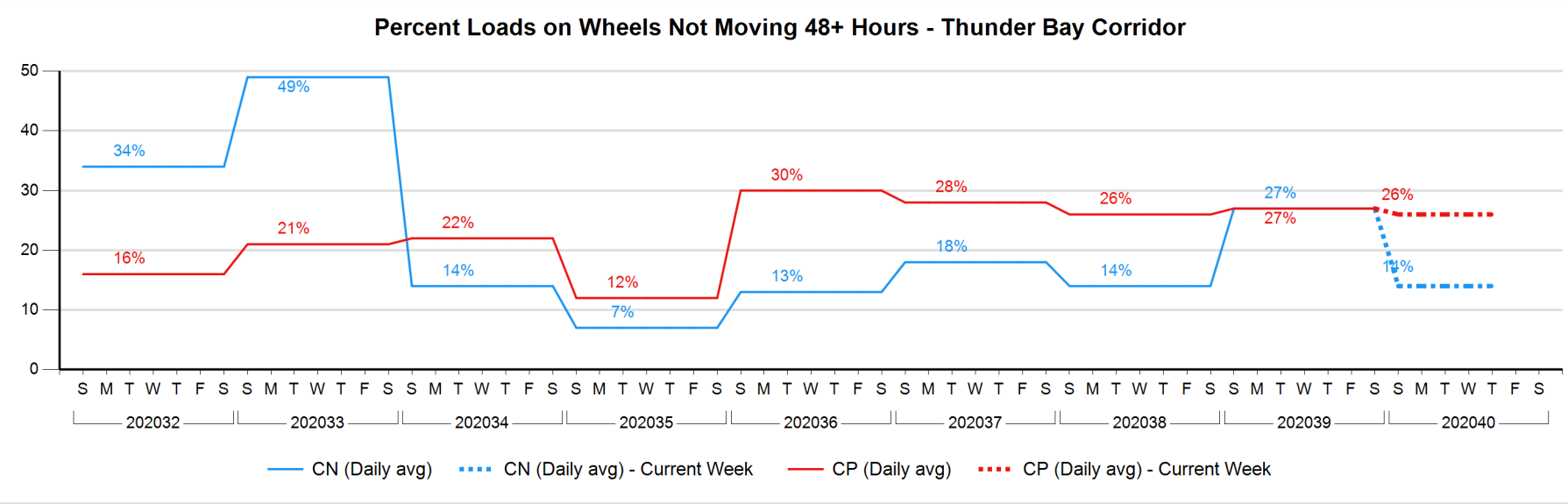
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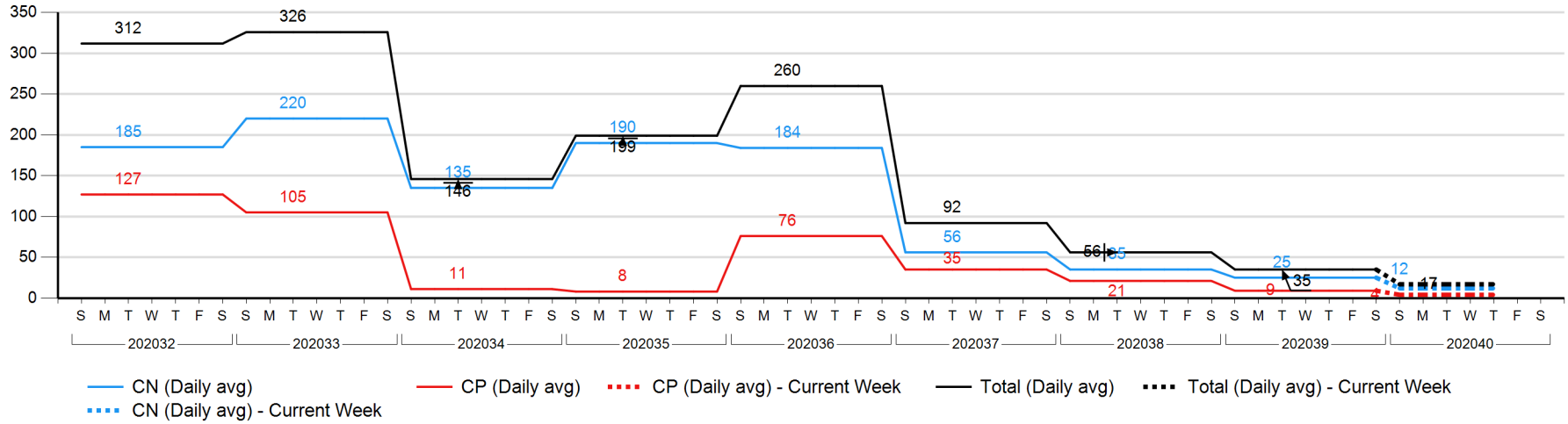
Eastern Canada

Loads Not Moving 48+ Hours - E Canada Corridor



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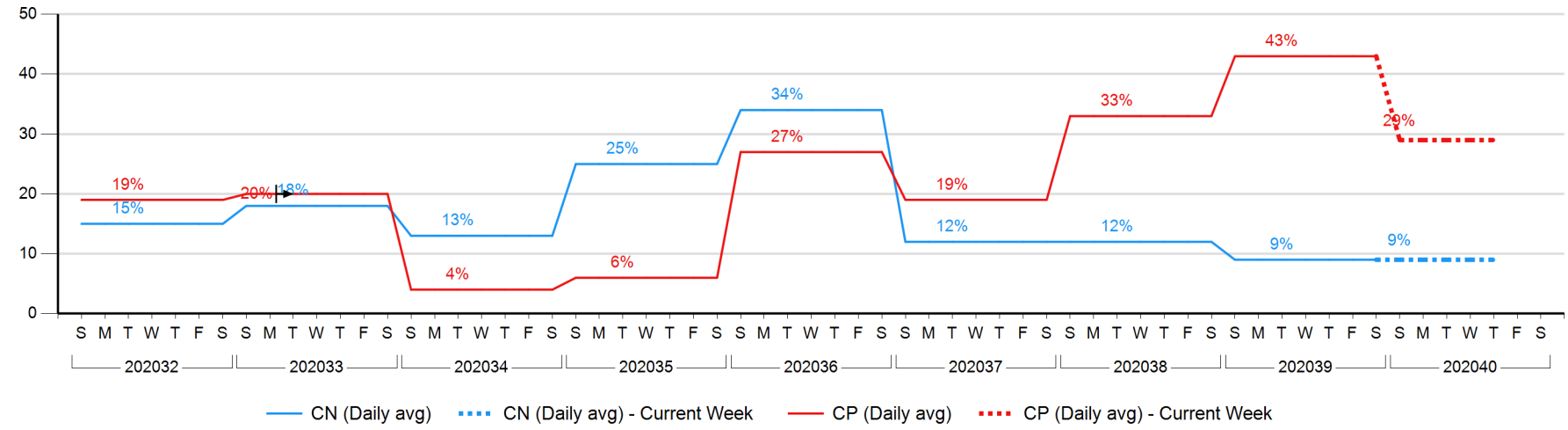

Port Performance

- West coast unloads (1,084) were largely unchanged yesterday reflecting slight improvement at Vancouver and lower reported unloads at Prince Rupert.
- PRG reported fewer than 100 unloads yesterday - the lowest levels in a month - consistent with the number of cars available at the start of the day. While data indicate that 150+ cars were spotted at the terminal late afternoon yesterday these cars do not appear to have been unloaded as of yet. This may reflect a lag in reporting but we do not believe this to be the case. Prospects for unloads today are better with 250+ cars on site this morning. Beyond this there are 300 cars west of Prince George and 100+ currently west of Edmonton.
- Vancouver unloads changed little from the prior day falling just short of 1,000 unloads yesterday. Prospects for unloads are good again with 1,700 cars on site this morning with an additional 750+ west of Kamloops and 500+ west of the AB/BC border.
- Thunder Bay fell short of 300 unloads for the 8th straight day yesterday and continues to track 25% lower than last week. Loads on wheels have improved somewhat with nearly 2,000 loads on wheels in the Thunder Bay corridor this morning. There are 800+ cars on site with another 600+ cars Winnipeg and east which should position the Port for good unloads in the coming days barring any service issues.

	Today	Change from Yesterday	Percent Change from Yesterday	Daily Average (Current Week)	Dail Average (Prior Week to Date)	Percent Change from Prior Week
Vancouver						
·Cars unloaded	991	17	2%	1,008	875	15%
·Cars Placed for Unloading	934	175	23%	885	831	7%
·Cars on Hand	1,490	-29	-2%	1,270	1,151	10%
·Cars Arrived at Destination	934	-251	-21%	1,080	929	16%
Prince Rupert						
·Cars unloaded	93	-31	-25%	177	208	-15%
·Cars Placed for Unloading	202	73	57%	165	197	-16%
·Cars on Hand		0		6	33	-82%
·Cars Arrived at Destination	202	79	64%	163	197	-17%
Thunder Bay						
·Cars unloaded	238	-58	-20%	250	338	-26%
·Cars Placed for Unloading	129	-246	-66%	231	304	-24%
·Cars on Hand	366	107	41%	351	798	-56%
·Cars Arrived at Destination	251	95	61%	227	236	-4%
West Coast						
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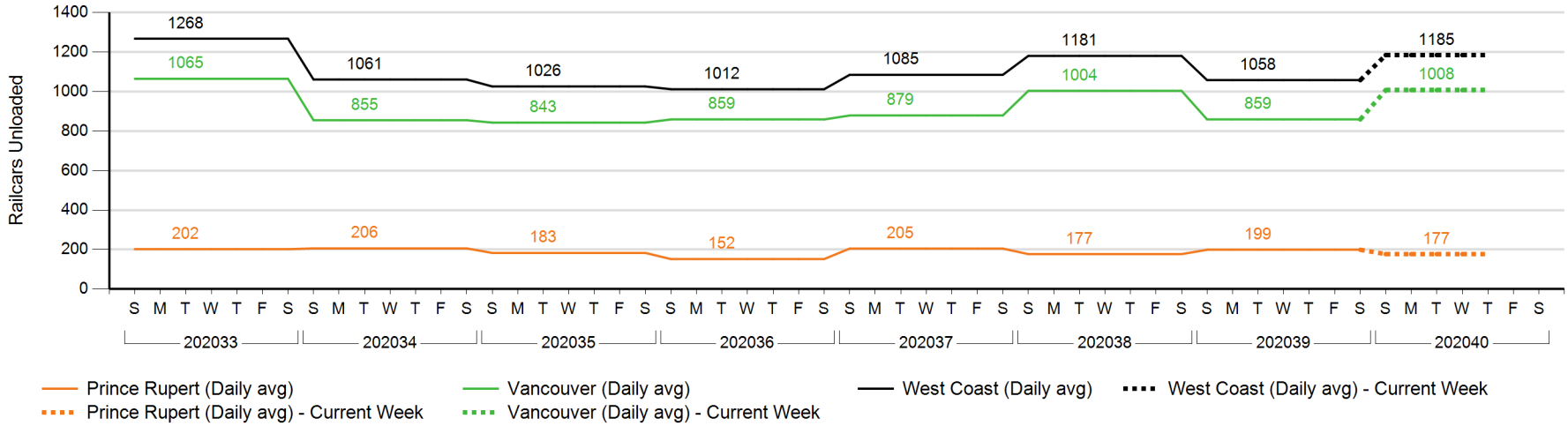
West Coast Unloads



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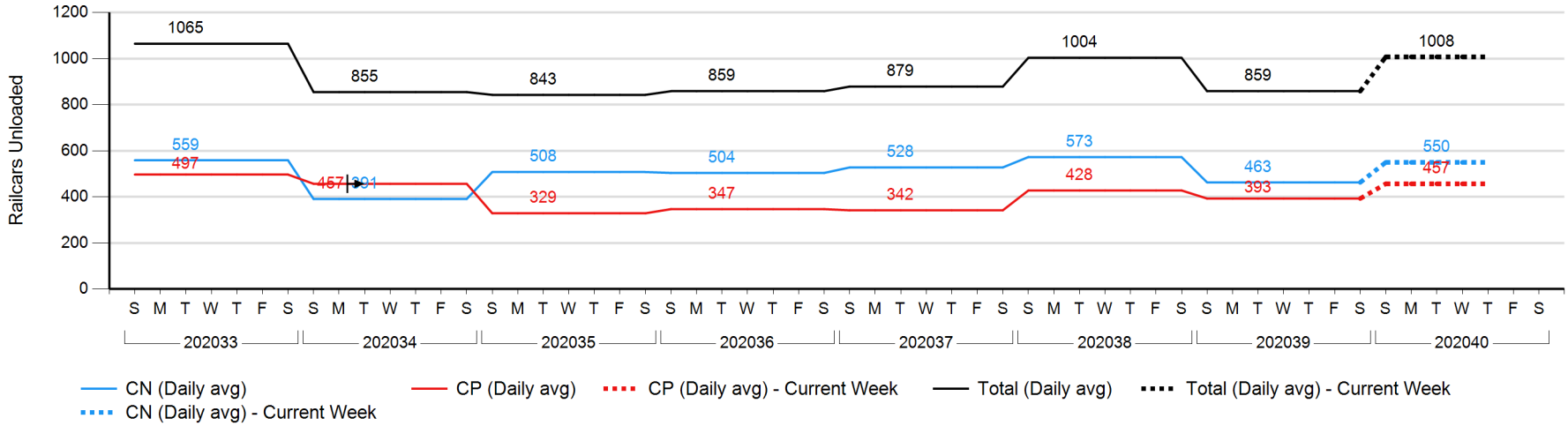

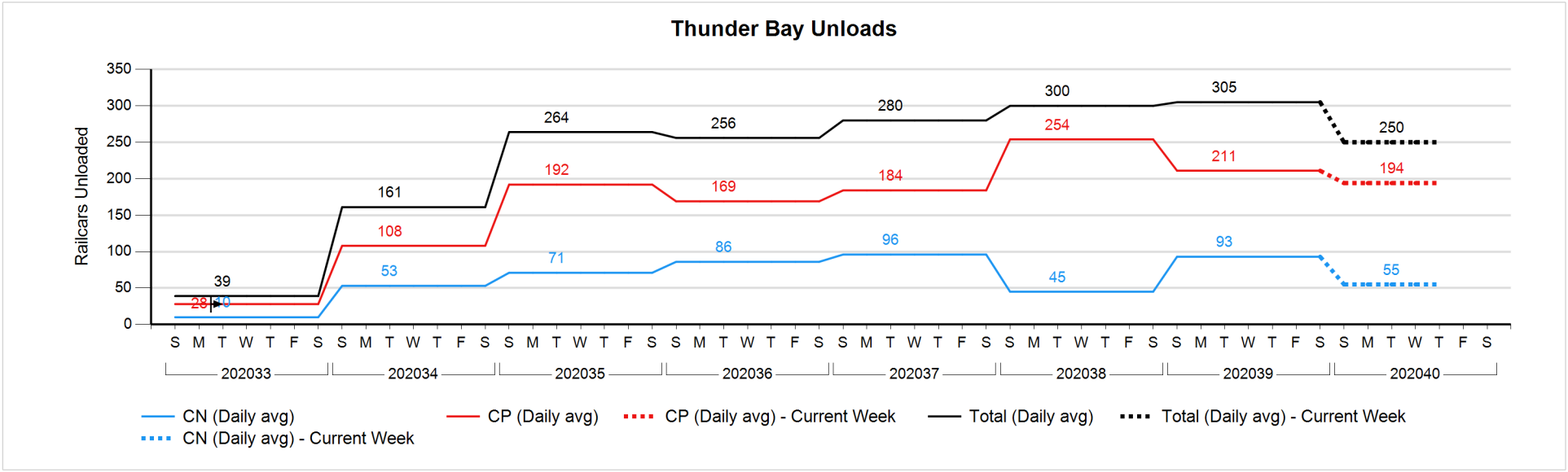
Thunder Bay Unloads
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Glossary

Loads on Wheels	Count of loaded rail cars including all rail cars that have been released loaded at origin and have not been reported by the railway as unloaded at destination. Counts include all rail cars (hopper cars and boxcars) moving within a corridor.
Loads Not Moving	Loaded rail cars for which the railways have not reported a movement event for 48 hours or more whether the rail car is at origin, enroute or at destination.
Cars Unloaded	Count of rail cars reported by railways as unloaded at the western port destinations of Vancouver, Prince Rupert, and Thunder Bay. Unload counts include all rail cars (hopper cars and boxcars) unloaded by all receivers including major port terminals, transloaders and other receivers.
Cars Arrived at Destination	The number of railcars that have arrived at the destination railway yard in the prior 24 hours.
Cars Placed for Unloading	The count of railcars reported as placed for unloading at a receiving facility in the prior 24 hours.
Cars Exiting Corridor	The number of loaded railcars that have left a given corridor from the prior reporting day whether as a result of the car being unloaded or delivered to another railway via interchange.
New Cars Online	The number of new cars entering a specific corridor resulting from new traffic being released at origin or being received in interchange from another railway.
Cars on Hand	The number of railcars on hand at the destination railway yard that have not yet been placed at a receiver facility for unloading