**Aiming to get ahead of additional tariffs, North American manufacturers stockpiled** raw materials and components last month, [pushing up a measure of supply-chain pressure to its highest level](https://logistics.cmail20.com/t/d-l-gxkyn-dkjukldyku-u/) in two-and-a-half years.

The WSJ Logistics Report’s Paul Berger writes that the surge in **GEP**’s North America stockpiling index to 0.26 was fueled by American companies pulling forward goods because of tariff-driven increases in purchasing costs. That contrasted with the rest of the world, where supply-chain pressures are eased as manufacturing activity softened in Asia and Europe, the GEP analysis says.

* Canada will throw its weight behind [five underway mining, energy and infrastructure projects](https://logistics.cmail20.com/t/d-l-gxkyn-dkjukldyku-o/) as part of an economic revamp aimed at reducing the country’s reliance on a protectionist U.S. (WSJ)
* **Kroger** said it is trying to [hold the line on passing price increases along](https://logistics.cmail20.com/t/d-l-gxkyn-dkjukldyku-b/) to grocery shoppers, which has included shouldering tariff-related costs. (WSJ)

**RH** [trimmed its full-year outlook](https://logistics.cmail20.com/t/d-l-gxkyn-dkjukldyku-n/) as the furniture retailer contends with higher tariff-related costs and uncertainty. (WSJ)