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RAILWAY OPERATING STATISTICS

MARCH 1968

Presented in this report are the March 1968 and 1967 financial and traffic results of twenty-four class 1 and 2 railways (the C.N.R., C.P.R. and other lines having average gross revenues of $\$ 500,000$ or more annually). Excluded from both years are statistics of class 3 and 4 roads (those with revenues of less than $\$ 500,000$ ) whose operations represent about one per cent of all common carrier railways.

Financial Statistics
Operating revenues of twenty-four common carrier railways in March 1968 declined 2.6 per cent to $\$ 126,373,403$ from the previous year. Simultaneously, operating expenses at $\$ 117,665,689$ were down 4.4 per cent and the resultant net operating income rose to $\$ 8,707,714$ from $\$ 6,628,388$ recorded in the earlier year. March 1968 railway expenses amounted to 93.11 cents per dollar of revenue.

The Canadian National Railways recorded a 7.0 per cent decrease in operating revenues to $\$ 62,822,688$ and a 9.4 per cent drop in operating expenses to $\$ 60,160,095$. This resulted in a net operating profit of $\$ 2,662,593$ compared with one of $\$ 1,171,484$ in 1967 . The Canadian Pacific Railway Company reported a 3.7 per cent increase in March 1968 revenues to $\$ 50,120$, 649 and a slight rise in operating expenses to $\$ 45,125,519$. C. P.R. net operating income totalled $\$ 4,995,130$, up from $\$ 3,535$, 132 in 1967.

Rail operating revenues, which comprise railway, express, commercial communications and highway transport (rail) service revenues, declined 1.3 per cent to $\$ 140,774,991$. Rail operating expenses dropped 3.0 pet cent to $\$ 131,205,429$ and a net operating profit of $\$ 9,569,562$ was recorded in contrast to $\$ 7,437,294$ during the same month of the preceding year.

Traffic Statistics
During March 1968, a total of 18.7 million tons of revenue freight was handled by railways in Canada, down 2.5 per cent from the same period a year earlier. The number of ton-miles generated in March increased to $7,792 \mathrm{million}$ from 7,275 million and the average haul at 417 was up 37 miles over the previous year. The average revenue earned per ton -mile of freight decreased to 1.466 cents from 1.593.

The number of revenue passengers carried during the month increased 5.7 per cent to $2,039,012$ and passenger-miles increased 4.4 per cent to 232 million. The average passenger journey dropped to 88 miles from 115 and the average revenue earned per passenger-mile rose to 2.470 cents from 2.268 in the earlier year, Employment in the industry reflecting a downward trend fell to 117,993 persons, down from 119,077 in February 1968 and 129,668 during March 1967.

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|  | Total 24 railways (1) |  | Canadian National Railways |  | Canadian Pacific Rallway Company |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1968 | $1967^{\text {r }}$ | 1968 | 1967 | 1968 | 1967 r |
|  | dollara |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operating revenues |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Freight ........ | 106,275,524 | 106,816,027 | 50,967,679 | 53,179,370 | 43,110,864 | 40,961,951 |
| Passenger | 4,410,932 | 5,031,347 | 3,071,226 | 3,842,896 | 1,061,084 | 1,055,730 |
| Sleeping and parlour car. | 683,133 | 869,649 | 558,837 | 725,325 | 118,624 | 134,099 |
| Mail | 1,377,367 | 1,550,994 | 1,042,328 | 1,151,131 | 234,484 | 205,387 |
| Express | 754,311 | 1,605,561 | 221,094 | 1,043,110 | 391,800 | 410,151 |
| Switching | 873,358 | 928,748 | 303,693 | 334,339 | 308,064 | 319,860 |
| Payments relating to the National Transportation Act | 7,924,766 | 9,116,102 | 4,587,620 | 5,333,333 | 3,226,130 | 3,696,656 |
| Incidental ........... | 3,702,712 | 3,647,152 | 1,982,831 | 1,915,108 | 1,492,746 | 1,422,607 |
| All other | 371,300 | 193,798 | 87,380 | 41,716 | 176,853 | 144,190 |
| Totals | 126,373,403 | 129,759,378 | 62,822,688 | 67,566,328 | 50,120,649 | 48,350,631 |
| Operating expenses |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Road maintenance ................ | 19,770,049 | 22,802,357 | 10,882,228 | 12,721,745 | 6,359,580 | 7,653,092 |
| Equipment maintenance ......... | 26,479,126 | 27,946,092 | 14,584,050 | 15,284,642 | 9,610,439 | 10,450,436 |
| Traffic ............ | 2,906,348 | 3,537,720 | 1,462,488 | 1,844,670 | 1,277,691 | 1,543,498 |
| Transportation (railway line) ... | 44,402,938 | 47,417,430 | 22,787,140 | 26,153,395 | 17,472,707 | 17,414,048 |
| Miscellaneous railway operations | 1,777,944 | 1,544,513 | 1,370,523 | 1,056,106 | -386,406 | 460,266 |
| General | 11,499,358 | 11,408,427 | 6,354,488 | 6,722,482 | 4,144,093 | 3,828,259 |
| Equipment rents ................... | 732,539 | 379,046 | 155,244 | 25,385 | Cr. 110,616 | Cr. 401,462 |
| Joint factlity rents ............... | 324,386 | 86,085 | 11,481 | Cr. 18,095 | 155,019 | 2,462 |
| Railway tax accruals ............. | 9,773,001 | 8,009,320 | 2,552,453 | 2,604,514 | 5,830,200 | 3,864,900 |
| Totals | 117,665,689 | 123,130,990 | 60,160,095 | 66,394,844 | 45,125,519 | 44,815,499 |
| Net operating income . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 8,707,714 | 6,628, 388 | 2,662,593 | 1,171,484 | 4,995,130 | 3,535,132 |

(1) See January issue for explanation.
r Revised figures.

TABLE 2. Rail Operating Revenues, Expenses and Net Income
March 1968

|  | Total <br> 24 railways (1) |  | Canadian National Rallways |  | Canadian Pacific Railway Company |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1968 | $1967{ }^{\text {r }}$ | 1968 | 1967 | 1968 | 19675 |
|  | dollars |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Railway | 126,373,403 | 129,759,378 | 62,822,688 | 67,566,328 | 50,120,649 | 48,350,631 |
| Express ...... | 6,712,145 | 5,798,659 | 4,789,242 | 3,424,896 | 1,909,741 | 2,359,241 |
| Commercial communications | 7,015,234 | 6,643,717 | 4,293,000 | 4,100,000 | 2,186,342 | 2,030,613 |
| Highway transport (rail) | 674,209 | 356,052 | 626,846 | 313,823 | - | - |
| Totals | 140,774,991 | 142,557,806 | 72,531,776 | 75,405,047 | 54,216,732 | 52,740,485 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rallway ........ | 117,665,689 | 123,130,990 | 60,160,095 | 66,394,844 | 45,125,519 | 44,815,499 |
| Express ........... | 6,592,218 | 5,745,993 | 4,681,540 | 3,385,563 | 1,897,516 | 2,343,426 |
| Commercial communications | 6,212,953 | 5,879,858 | 3,871,148 | 3,623,170 | 2,000,062 | 1,930,664 |
| Highway transport (rall) | 734,569 | 363,671 | 692,049 | 313,127 |  |  |
| Totals | 131,205,429 | 135,120,512 | 69,404, 832 | 73,716,704 | 49,023,097 | 49,089,589 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Express .............. | 119,927 | 52,666 | 107,702 | 39,333 | 12,225 | 15,815 |
| Commercial comunications | 802,281 | 763,859 | 421,852 | 476,830 | 186,280 | 99,949 |
| Highway transport (rail) | 60,360 | 7,619 | 65,203 | 696 | - | - |
| Totals | 9,569,562 | 7,437,294 | 3,126,944 | 1,688,343 | 5,193,635 | 3,650,896 |

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## OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES, CLASS I AND 2 RAILWAYS, 1967-1968


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TABLE 4. Railway Traffic and Employment Statistics March 1968

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ 24 \text { railways(l) } \end{gathered}$ |  | Canadian National Railways |  | $\qquad$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1968 | 1967 T | 1968 | 1967 | 1968 | $1967{ }^{\text {r }}$ |
| Miles of road operated (monthly average) | 44,049.81 | 43,908.11 | 22,812.20 | 22,751. 30 | 16,661.90 | 16,639.60 |
| Freight | 18,671,272 | 19,145,131 | 6,815,107 | 7,574,654 | 5,788,340 | 5,599,912 |
| Ton-miles - Revenue freight ....... ${ }^{\text {a }} 000$ | 7,792,364 | 7,275,481 | 3,854,256 | 3,573,873 | 3,046,755 | 2,881,047 |
| $\text { freight ................ ' } 000$ | 7,938,399 | 7,428,034 | 3,955,707 | 3,666,534 | 3,088,036 | 2,937,636 |
| Passengers |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue passengers(2) | 2,039,012 | 1,928,864 | 1,172,287 | 1,341,538 | $452,055$ | $524,721$ |
| Revenue passenget-miles ............ ' '000 | 178,558 | 221,850 | 136,856 | 174,768 | $30,906$ | $40,828$ |
| Gross ton-miles |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Freight train ...................... ' 000 | 15,767,406 | 15,382,438 | 7,764,748 | 7,619,707 | 6,265,347 | 6,176,239 |
| Passenger train ................... '000 | 1,582,011 | 1,526,230 | 1,320,649 | 1,206,395 | 195,413 | 247,235 |
| Totals ........................... ' 000 | 17,349,417 | 16,908,668 | 9,085,397 | 8,826,102 | 6,460,760 | 6,423,474 |
| Train-miles |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Freight service | 5,116,820 | 5,758,134 | 2,570,884 | 2,989,617 | 2,015,668 | 2,264,996 |
| Passenger service | 2,271,202 | 2,352,190 | 1,601,468 | 1,714,344 | 484,277 | 496,581 |
| Work service | 78,490 | 175,807 | 57,259 | 134,235 | 8,970 | 22,157 |
| Totals | 7,466,512 | 8,286,131 | 4,229,611 | 4,838,196 | 2,508,915 | 2,783,734 |
| Caz-miles |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Freight: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loaded | 195,913,378 | 191,367,693 | 100,081,803 | 98,221,422 | 78,221,785 | 76,963,686 |
| Empty | 122,670,779 | 121,385,863 | 64,009,452 | 60,950,155 | 45,661,791 | 48,507,143 |
| Cabooses | 5,549,751 | 6,070,883 | 2,951,275 | 3,228,028 | 2,094,116 | 2,351,917 |
| Totals | 324,133,908 | 318,824,439 | 167,042,530 | 162,399,605 | 125,977,692 | 127,822,746 |
| Passenger | 18,355,860 | 21,722,765 | 14,070,385 | 16,623,619 | 2,956,866 | 3,795,819 |
| Total transportation service ....... | 342,489,768 | 340,547,204 | 181,112,915 | 179, 023,224 | 128,934,558 | 131,618,565 |
| Number of emplayees - Railway .............. |  | 129,668 | 67,619 | 74,254 | 41,498 | 46,519 |
| Payroll - Railway ...................... \$ | 67,231,170 | 69,143,491 | 38,993,442 | 40,172,583 | 23,102,065 | 23,825,807 |
| Payrall chargeable to railway operating expenses | 59,238,127 | 64,082,014 | 33,245,473 | 37,238,775 | 21,096,230 | 22,023,828 |

(1) See January issue for explanation. (2) Includes traffic handled by more than one road. T Revised figures.

TABLE 5. Miscellaneous Rallway Averages
March 1968

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & 24 \text { railways(1) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | Canadian National Railways |  | Canadian Pacific Railway Company |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1968 | 1967r | 1968 | 1967 | 1968 | 19675 |
| Per day per mile of road operated |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Opetating revenues ................................... | 92.55 | 95.33 | 88.84 | 95.80 | 97.03 | 93.74 |
| Operating expenses .................................. | 86.17 | 90.46 | 85.07 | 94.14 | 87.36 | 86.88 |
| Ton-miles - Revenue freight ........................... | 5,706 | 5,345 | 5,450 | 5,067 | 5,899 | 5,585 |
| Ton-miles - All freight . | 5,813 | 5,457 | 5,594 | 5,199 | 5,979 | 5,695 |
| Passenger-miles - Revenue | 131 | 163 | 194 | 248 | 60 | 79 |
| Per freight-train mile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Freight revenue (2) ................................. . | 22.32 | 20.13 | 21.61 | 19.57 | 22.99 | 19.72 |
| Tons carried - Revenue freight | 1,523 | 1,264 | 1,499 | 1,195 | 1,512 | 1,272 |
| Tons carried - All freight | 1,551 | 1,290 | 1,539 | 1,226 | 1,532 | 1,297 |
| Freight cars - Loaded . | 38.3 | 33.2 | 38.9 | 32.9 | 38.8 | 34.0 |
| Freight cars - Empty ................................. | 24.0 | 21.1 | 24.9 | 20.4 | 22.7 | 21.4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Passengers carried... | 79 | 94 | 85 | 102 | 64 | 82 |
| Passenger cars.... | 8.1 | 9.2 | 8.9 | 9.7 | 6.1 | 7.6 |
| Other |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Opersting expense per train-mile ................... | 15.76 | 14.86 | 14.22 | 13.72 | 17.99 | 16.10 |
| Miles hauled - Revenue freighr ....................... | 417 | 380 | 566 | 472 | 526 | 514 |
| Mlles carrted - Revenue passengers | 88 | 115 | 117 | 130 | 68 | 78 |
| Tons carried per loaded freight-car mile .......... | 40.5 | 38.8 | 39.5 | 37.3 | 39.5 | 38.2 |
| Revenue pet ton-mile of freight (2) ............... | 1.466 | 1. 593 | 1.441 | 1.637 | 1. 521 | 1. 550 |
| Revenue per passenger per mile .................. | 2.470 | 2.268 | 2. 244 | 2. 199 | 3.433 | 2. 586 |
| Ratto of operating payroll to operating revenues ... \% | 46.88 | 49.39 | 52.92 | 55.11 | 42.09 | 45.55 |
| Ratio of operating expenses to operating revenues . . \% | 93.11 | 94.89 | 95.76 | 98.27 | 90.03 | 92.69 |
| Ratio of transportation expenses to operating revenues | 35.14 | 36.54 | 36.27 | 38.71 | 34.86 | 36.02 |

(1) See January issue for explanation. (2) Payments related to the National Transportation Act have been added to freight revenues for computing these averages.
$r$ Revised Eigures.

