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EXPRESS STATISTICS

STATISTIQUE DES MESSAGERIES

1939

The following tables show the financial and operating statistics of the express companies in Canada for 1939. The Canadian Pacific Express Company is a subsidiary company of the Canadian Pacific Railway and handles the express business of the parent company. The express business of the Canadian National System and the Northern Alberta Railways is handled by a department of the railways, but the accounts are kept separate and the data are included in this report. The Railway Express Agency operates mainly over the Canadian sections of United States railways. Thus there were only two express companies and two express departments of railways carrying on express business in Canada.

Gross earnings of all companies increased from \$17,674,477 in 1938 to \$19,410,091 in 1939, operating expenses increased by only \$297,607, and net operating revenues increased by \$541,916, or from a debit of \$67,979 in 1938 to a credit of \$475,937. Money orders, travellers' cheques, and other financial paper issued amounted to \$67,057,633 in 1939 as against \$68,176,592 in 1938, a decrease of \$1,118,959.

Total mileage operated increased by 566, most of the increase (355 miles) being in steam boat lines on which express service was maintained. Mileage by motor carrier increased by 71 miles while other agencies showed little change.

The number of employees increased from 4,678 in 1938 to 4,737 and total salaries and wages, including commissions and part-time wages, increased from \$7,222,887 to \$7,412,500.

Summary tables for 1924 - 1939 are shown on page 8.

Les statistiques financières et d'opération des compagnies de messageries au Canada en 1939 paraissent dans les tableaux suivants. La Canadian Pacific Express Company est une compagnie subsidiaire du Canadien Pacifique et s'occupe des messageries de la compagnie-mère. Les messageries du réseau du Canadien National et des Northern Alberta Railways sont sous les soins d'un département de ces chemins de fer, mais les comptes en sont séparés et les données en sont comprises dans ce rapport. La Railway Express Agency opère surtout sur les sections canadiennes des chemins de fer des États-Unis. Il y a donc seulement deux compagnies de messageries et deux départements de messageries de chemin de fer s'occupant des messageries au Canada.

Les recettes brutes de toutes les compagnies augmentent de \$17,674,477 en 1938 à \$19,410,091 en 1939, les dépenses d'opération ne montent que de \$297,607, et le revenu net d'opération avance de \$541,937, soit d'un débit de \$67,979 en 1938 à un crédit de \$475,937. Les mandats circulaires, chèques de voyageurs et autres formes de transferts de fonds s'élevèrent à \$67,057,633 en 1939 contre \$68,176,592 en 1938, diminution de \$1,118,959.

Le parcours global augmente de 566 milles; la plus grande partie de l'augmentation (355 milles) se produit dans les lignes de bateaux à vapeur qui font le service des messageries. Le millage par voitures automobiles augmente de 71 milles tandis que les autres agences présentent peu de changement.

Le personnel augmente de 4,678 en 1938 à 4,737 et les salaires et gages, y compris les commissions et gages pour travail à temps partiel, passent de \$7,222,887 à \$7,412,500.

Les tableaux sommaires pour 1924-1939 paraissent à la page 8.

Table 1.

CAPITAL

| | Canadian National | Canadian Pacific | Northern Alberta |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Stocks | 2,768,000 | 3,000,000 | ... |
| Bonds | 684,096 | ... | ... |
| Total | 3,452,096 | 3,000,000 | ... |

Table 2.

INVESTMENT IN LANDS, BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| Lands and buildings | 273,286 | ^{1/} 2,941,456 | ... |
| Equipment | 1,358,491 | 1,128,950 | 1,456 |
| Total | 1,631,777 | 4,070,406 | 1,456 |

Table 3.

INCOME ACCOUNT

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Gross receipts from operation | 9,781,542 | 9,048,552 | 112,553 |
| Express privileges "Dr." 2/ | 4,350,257 | 3,707,206 | 60,088 |
| Operating revenues | 5,431,285 | 5,341,346 | 52,465 |
| Operating expenses | 5,187,277 | 5,133,684 | 43,105 |
| Net Operating revenue | 244,008 | 207,662 | 9,360 |
| Net revenue from outside operations | ... | 124,599 | ... |
| Total net revenue | 244,008 | 332,261 | 9,360 |
| Taxes | 63,031 | 126,746 | 341 |
| Operating income | 180,977 | 205,515 | 9,019 |
| Other income | 803 | 53,308 | ... |
| Gross corporate income | 181,780 | 258,823 | 9,019 |
| Deductions | 553 | ... | ... |
| Net corporate income | 181,227 | 258,823 | 9,019 |

Table 4.

OPERATING REVENUES

| | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------|
| <u>Revenue from Transportation</u> | | | |
| Express revenue | 9,439,287 | 8,631,269 | 112,553 |
| Miscellaneous transportation rev. | 12,727 | 39,242 | ... |
| Total from transportation | 9,452,014 | 8,670,511 | 112,553 |
| <u>Revenue from Outside Operations Other than Transportation</u> | | | |
| Custom brokerage fees | 2,013 | 4,906 | ... |
| Money orders, domestic & foreign | 171,728 | 190,803 | ... |
| Travellers' cheques, domestic & foreign | 989 | 19,541 | ... |
| C.O.D. cheques | 147,012 | 110,844 | ... |
| Telegraphic transfers | ... | 835 | ... |
| Letters of credit | ... | ... | ... |
| Other revenue - Finance Dept. . | 6,740 | 51,112 | ... |
| Miscellaneous revenue | 1,046 | ... | ... |
| Total | 329,528 | 378,041 | ... |
| Gross Receipts from Operation ... | 9,781,542 | 9,048,552 | 112,553 |

1/ Includes value of miscellaneous property not used exclusively in express operations.

2/ Payable to railways for carriage of express matter.

(5 July '40)

CAPITAUX

Tableau 1.

| Railway Express Agency | Total | |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| \$ | \$ | |
| ... | 5,768,000 | Actions |
| ... | 684,096 | Obligations |
| ... | 6,452,096 | Total |

BIENS - FONDS, IMMEUBLES ET OUTILLAGE

Tableau 2.

| | | |
|--------|-----------|----------------------------|
| ... | 3,214,742 | Biens - fonds et immeubles |
| 50,211 | 2,539,108 | Outillage |
| 50,211 | 5,753,850 | Total |

COMPTE REVENU

Tableau 3.

| | | |
|---------|------------|---|
| 467,444 | 19,410,091 | Recettes brutes d'exploitation |
| 195,667 | 8,313,218 | Privilèges de messagerie "Doit" ^{2/} |
| 271,777 | 11,096,873 | Recettes d'exploitation |
| 258,870 | 10,622,936 | Frais d'exploitation |
| 12,907 | 473,937 | Recettes nettes d'exploitation |
| ... | 124,599 | Recettes nettes provenant d'autres opérations |
| 12,907 | 598,536 | Recettes nettes globales |
| 12,907 | 203,025 | Impôts |
| ... | 395,511 | Revenu d'exploitation |
| ... | 54,111 | Autre revenu |
| ... | 449,622 | Revenus généraux bruts |
| ... | 553 | Déductions |
| ... | 449,069 | Revenus généraux nets |

RECETTES D'EXPLOITATION

Tableau 4.

| | | |
|---------|------------|--|
| 391,469 | 18,574,578 | <u>Recettes provenant du Transport</u> |
| ... | 51,969 | Recettes du service de messagerie |
| 391,469 | 18,626,547 | Autres recettes du service des transports |
| | | Recettes globales du service des transports |
| ... | 6,919 | <u>Recettes provenant de sources autres que le transport</u> |
| ... | 362,531 | Courtage de dédouanement, honoraires |
| ... | 20,530 | Mandats-d'argent - canadiens et étrangers |
| ... | 257,856 | Chèque de voyage (déplacés sans visa) canadiens et étrangers |
| ... | 835 | Chèques "C.O.D." |
| ... | ... | Transferts de fonds par télégraphe |
| ... | 57,852 | Lettres de crédit |
| 75,975 | 77,021 | Autres recettes du service financier |
| 75,975 | 783,544 | Recettes diverses |
| | | Total |
| 467,444 | 19,410,091 | Recettes brutes d'exploitation |

1/ Comprend la valeur de diverses propriétés qui ne sont pas exclusivement affectées à l'exploitation du service de messagerie.

2/ Somme payée aux compagnies de chemin de fer pour le transport de marchandise en messagerie.

Table 5.

OPERATING EXPENSES

| | Canadian National | Canadian Pacific | Northern Alberta |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Maintenance | 190,034 | 152,180 | ... |
| Traffic | 61,106 | 95,208 | 709 |
| Transportation | 4,664,787 | 4,479,871 | 41,415 |
| General | 271,350 | 406,425 | 981 |
| Total | 5,187,277 | 5,133,684 | 43,105 |

Table 6.

TAXES

| | 1/ | | |
|----------------------------|--------|-----------|-----|
| Prince Edward Island | 47 | ... | ... |
| Nova Scotia | 8,896 | 2,888 | ... |
| New Brunswick | 5,952 | 3,486 | ... |
| Quebec | 19,030 | 10,855 | ... |
| Ontario | 13,425 | 36,258 | ... |
| Manitoba | ... | 5,622 | ... |
| Saskatchewan | 7,680 | 9,716 | ... |
| Alberta | 4,003 | 6,638 | 341 |
| British Columbia | 1,051 | 6,900 | ... |
| Foreign | 775 | 1,080 | ... |
| Dominion of Canada | 2,172 | 3,583 | ... |
| Other taxes | ... | 2/ 39,720 | ... |
| Total | 63,031 | 126,746 | 341 |

Table 7.

FINANCIAL PAPER

| | | | |
|--|------------|------------|-----|
| Money orders, domestic and foreign ..4/ | 32,410,085 | 25,887,074 | ... |
| Travellers' cheques, domestic and foreign | 328,752 | 2,980,836 | ... |
| C.O.D. Cheques | 5/ | 5,066,584 | ... |
| Telegraphic Transfers | ... | 164,068 | ... |
| Others | ... | 220,234 | ... |
| Total | 32,738,837 | 34,318,796 | ... |

Table 8.

OFFICES

| | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-----|
| No. of express offices | 1,681 | 1,515 | 39 |
| No. of offices selling money orders | 3,854 | 4,062 | ... |

- 1/ Automobile and truck licences formerly included in taxes were charged to operating expenses in 1939.
- 2/ Includes provincial gasoline taxes and vehicle licences.
- 3/ Includes \$54 for Yukon Territory.
- 4/ Includes C.O.D. cheques.
- 5/ Included in money orders.

FRAIS D'EXPLOITATION

Tableau 5.

| Railway Express Agency | Total | |
|------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| \$ | \$ | |
| 11,302 | 353,516 | Entretien |
| 1,591 | 158,614 | Trafic |
| 235,884 | 9,421,957 | Transports |
| 10,094 | 688,850 | Frais généraux |
| 258,871 | 10,622,937 | Total |

IMPOTS

Tableau 6.

| | | |
|----------|-----------|-----------------------|
| ... | 47 | Ile du Prince-Edouard |
| ... | 11,784 | Nouvelle-Ecosse |
| ... | 9,438 | Nouveau-Brunswick |
| 3,640 | 33,525 | Québec |
| 5,099 | 54,782 | Ontario |
| 1,058 | 6,680 | Manitoba |
| ... | 17,396 | Saskatchewan |
| ... | 10,982 | Alberta |
| 3/ 2,579 | 10,530 | Colombie-Britannique |
| ... | 1,855 | Pays étrangers |
| 531 | 6,286 | Canada |
| ... | 2/ 39,720 | Autres impôts |
| 12,907 | 203,025 | Total |

PAPIERS NEGOCIABLES

Tableau 7.

| | | |
|-----|------------|---|
| ... | 58,297,159 | Mandats-d'argent - canadiens et étrangers |
| ... | 3,309,588 | Chèques de voyage, canadiens et étrangers |
| ... | 5,066,584 | Chèques "C.O.D." |
| ... | 164,068 | Transferts de fonds par télégraphe |
| ... | 220,234 | Autres |
| ... | 67,057,633 | Total |

BUREAUX

Tableau 8.

| | | |
|-----|-------|---|
| 103 | 3,338 | Nombre de bureaux de messagerie |
| ... | 7,916 | Nombre de bureaux qui émettent des mandats d'argent |

- 1/ Les permis d'automobile et de camion précédemment compris dans les taxes sont, en 1939, portés aux dépenses d'exploitation.
- 2/ Comprend les taxes provinciales sur la gasoline et les permis de camion.
- 3/ Comprend \$54 pour le Territoire du Yukon.
- 4/ Comprend les chèques C.O.D.
- 5/ Compris dans la somme des mandats d'argent.

Table 9.

MILEAGE OPERATED

| | Canadian National | Canadian Pacific | Northern Alberta |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Over steam railways | 22,555.08 | 17,546.33 | 927.62 |
| Over electric railways | 156.05 | 78.32 | ... |
| Over steam boat lines | 1,360.72 | 1,217.00 | ... |
| By motor carrier | 20.00 | 472.60 | ... |
| By aircraft | ... | ... | ... |
| Miscellaneous lines | ... | ... | ... |
| Total | 24,091.85 | 19,314.25 | 927.62 |
| Ocean mileage | ... | 16,712.00 | ... |
| Total mileage | 24,091.85 | 36,026.25 | 927.62 |

Table 10.

MILEAGE OPERATED BY PROVINCES

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Prince Edward Island | 276.10 | ... | ... |
| Nova Scotia | 1,084.44 | 288.54 | ... |
| New Brunswick | 1,274.62 | 636.23 | ... |
| Quebec | 2,971.09 | 1,731.84 | ... |
| Ontario | 6,205.96 | 4,252.17 | ... |
| Manitoba | 2,999.18 | 1,748.05 | ... |
| Saskatchewan | 4,425.37 | 4,486.50 | ... |
| Alberta | 2,153.88 | 2,537.90 | 900.85 |
| British Columbia | 2,656.87 | 3,376.30 | 26.77 |
| Yukon | ... | ... | ... |
| United States | 44.34 | 256.62 | ... |
| Ocean mileage | ... | 16,712.00 | ... |
| Total | 24,091.85 | 36,026.25 | 927.62 |

Table 11.

EMPLOYEES

| | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Number of full time employees | 2,396 | 2,263 | 4 |
| Amount of salaries and wages | \$3,653,874 | \$3,558,252 | \$7,213 |
| Amount of salaries and wages paid to part-time employees | ... | \$48,064 | \$5,768 |
| Total salaries and wages | \$3,653,874 | \$3,606,316 | \$12,981 |

PARCOURS EN MILLES

Tableau 9.

| Railway Express Agency | Total | |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| 1,007.31 | 42,036.34 | Chemins de fer à vapeur |
| 23.82 | 258.19 | Chemins de fer électriques |
| 2,469.00 | 5,046.72 | Lignes de bateaux à vapeur |
| 420.50 | 913.10 | Par véhicules moteurs |
| 424.00 | 424.00 | Par avion |
| ... | ... | Divers |
| 4,344.63 | 48,678.35 | Total |
| ... | 16,712.00 | Parcours océaniques (milles) |
| 4,344.63 | 65,390.35 | Parcours total |

PARCOURS (MILLES) EXPLOITE PAR LES PROVINCES

Tableau 10.

| | | |
|----------|-----------|-----------------------|
| ... | 276.10 | Ile du Prince-Edouard |
| ... | 1,372.98 | Nouvelle-Ecosse |
| ... | 1,910.85 | Nouveau-Brunswick |
| 272.77 | 4,975.70 | Québec |
| 903.98 | 11,362.11 | Ontario |
| 128.39 | 4,875.32 | Manitoba |
| ... | 8,911.97 | Saskatchewan |
| ... | 5,592.33 | Alberta |
| 1,815.69 | 7,875.33 | Colombie-Britannique |
| 1,223.80 | 1,223.80 | Yukon |
| ... | 300.96 | Etats-Unis |
| ... | 16,712.00 | Parcours océanique |
| 4,344.63 | 65,390.35 | Total |

PERSONNEL

Tableau 11.

| | | |
|-----------|-------------|--|
| 74 | 4,737 | Personnel régulier |
| \$130,490 | \$7,349,829 | Salaires et gages |
| \$8,639 | \$62,471 | Salaires et gages du personnel irrégulier |
| \$139,129 | \$7,412,300 | Total des salaires et gages |

Table 12.

SUMMARY OF ALL COMPANIES
RESUME (TOUTES COMPAGNIES)

Tableau 12.

| Year Année | Investments Placements | Employees Personnel | Salaries and Wages Salaires et gages | Money transferred by Express Orders, etc. Transferts du fonds par mandats |
|---------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| | \$ | No. | \$ | \$ |
| 1928 | 4,883,223 | 5,194 | 7,697,634 | 83,165,292 |
| 1929 | 4,997,443 | 5,427 | 9,661,319 | 82,675,461 |
| 1930 | 4,856,358 | 4,996 | 8,914,305 | 70,635,650 |
| 1931 | 4,683,508 | 4,616 | 8,010,687 | 55,636,623 |
| 1932 | 4,625,507 | 4,245 | 6,950,058 | 45,511,024 |
| 1933 | 4,610,694 | 3,998 | 6,232,758 | 43,579,612 |
| 1934 | 4,614,076 | 4,043 | 6,151,826 | 50,234,896 |
| 1935 | 4,594,389 | 4,126 | 6,607,736 | 54,829,082 |
| 1936 | 4,595,318 | 4,293 | 6,962,413 | 63,548,920 |
| 1937 | 5,057,820 | 4,611 | 7,311,007 | 67,523,282 |
| 1938 | 5,635,266 | 4,678 | 7,222,887 | 68,176,592 |
| 1939 | 5,753,850 | 4,737 | 7,412,300 | 67,057,633 |

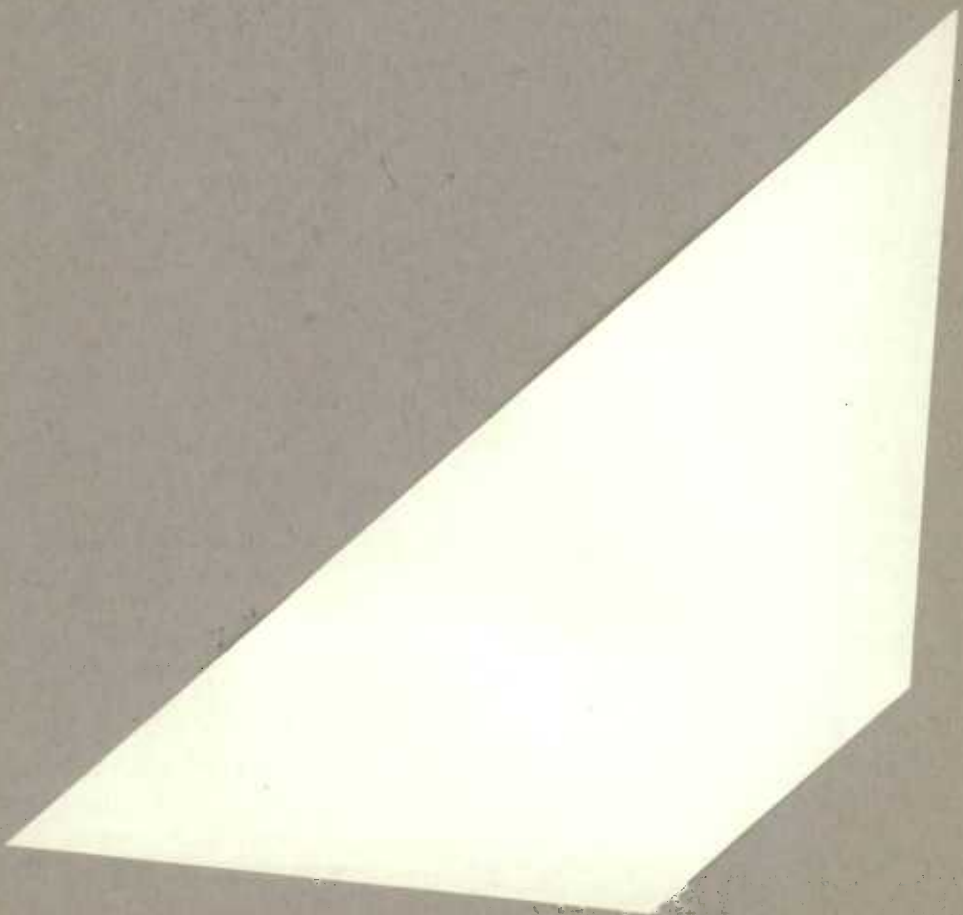
The number of employees is the total number of full time employees. The salaries and wages include wages paid to full and part time employees.

Le personnel ne comprend que les employés réguliers; les salaires et gages comprennent la rémunération des employés réguliers et irréguliers.

| Year Année | Gross Earnings Recettes brutes | Operating Expenses Frais d'exploitation | Express Privileges Privilèges de messagerie | Net Operating Revenue Recettes d'exploit- ation nettes |
|---------------|---|--|--|---|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 1924 | 26,196,017 | 12,723,651 | 13,557,168 | Dr. 84,802 Dt. |
| 1925 | 25,876,342 | 12,336,485 | 13,312,960 | 226,897 |
| 1926 | 26,554,378 | 12,442,257 | 13,466,863 | 645,258 |
| 1927 | 26,532,182 | 12,548,374 | 13,275,355 | 708,453 |
| 1928 | 27,674,270 | 13,032,376 | 13,459,187 | 1,182,707 |
| 1929 | 27,758,385 | 13,480,028 | 13,598,575 | 679,782 |
| 1930 | 24,352,181 | 12,759,439 | 12,380,060 | Dr. 787,318 Dt. |
| 1931 | 20,115,285 | 11,292,957 | 10,909,184 | Dr. 2,086,856 Dt. |
| 1932 | 16,870,806 | 9,479,302 | X 7,307,980 | 83,023 |
| 1933 | 15,226,015 | 8,497,892 | 6,605,225 | 122,899 |
| 1934 | 16,206,171 | 8,473,601 | 7,268,616 | 463,954 |
| 1935 | 16,592,746 | 8,960,675 | 7,352,913 | 279,158 |
| 1936 | 17,169,315 | 9,414,746 | 7,478,874 | 275,695 |
| 1937 | 17,937,567 | 9,878,443 | 7,749,711 | 309,413 |
| 1938 | 17,674,477 | 10,325,329 | 7,417,127 | Dr. 67,979 Dt. |
| 1939 | 19,410,091 | 10,622,936 | 8,313,218 | 473,937 |

X See 1932 report for explanation of decrease

X Voir rapport de 1932 pour explication de la diminution.



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