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RAILWAY EXPRESS

1959

Presented in this report are statistics of railway express operations in Canada for the year 1959. A short historical review of the express business is given in the 1949 edition of this publication. The express services of motor carriers and airlines are included in the annual reports, *Motor Carriers—Freight, Passenger Bus Statistics*, and *Civil Aviation* but are not separable. There tends to be some overlapping in reporting express statistics. Airlines often utilize the pick-up and delivery facilities of the railway express companies, and express service to off-rail points is sometimes arranged through licenced motor-carriers, while the airlines also carry some rail-express shipments on an "as available" basis.

The tables which follow show the financial and operating results of five express organizations. The *Canadian Pacific Express Company*, a subsidiary of the *Canadian Pacific Railway*, handles that Company's express business, while the express services of the *Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Railway*, the *Canadian National System* and the *Northern Alberta Railways* are carried on by departments of the three railway companies. The *Railway Express Agency* operates mainly over the Canadian sections of United States lines. The latter company collects the gross revenue and other income from express operations, pays its operating expenses, taxes, interest, etc., and the remainder known as "rail transportation revenue" is distributed among and paid to the railroads over which express operations are conducted. Thus, the *Railway Express Agency* can have no profit nor accumulate any surplus for itself. The *Agency* is owned by 67 class 1 U.S. railroads.

Review of 1959 Results

Operating revenues of the five railway express firms conducting business in Canada totalled \$63,773,483 in 1959, up 1.6 per cent from \$62,760,711 a year earlier. Operating expenses were up to an even greater extent however, rising to \$63,194,957, or by 1.7 per cent, from \$62,120,291. As a result, the net operating income declined slightly to \$578,526 from \$640,420.

A breakdown of operating revenues shows that those incidental to transportation totalled \$86,733,561 in 1959 in contrast to \$84,477,941 in 1958 while other miscellaneous revenues such as customhouse brokerage fees, money orders, travellers' cheques, etc. aggregated \$2,101,143 in comparison with \$2,080,220. Express privileges (the portion of earnings paid other railways for carrying express packages) amounted to \$25,061,221 in 1959 (\$23,797,450 in 1958) thus reducing operating revenues to a total of \$63,773,483 (\$62,760,711).

Transportation costs, as in previous years, accounted for the major portion of all operating expenses. In 1959 this figure was \$55,052,938 or 87.1 per cent of the total while in 1958 these costs amounted to \$54,177,009 or 87.2 per cent of all operating expenses.

The total investment in express property and equipment at the close of 1959 was placed at \$16,075,776, an increase of \$477,054 over the \$15,598,722 reported in 1958. The amount of outstanding capital rose slightly during the year under review to \$7,720,202 from \$7,597,682.

The value of financial paper issued by railway express companies in the year 1959 eased to \$155,035,926 from \$162,646,263 almost entirely as a result of a \$6.8 million decline in domestic and foreign money order sales.

Employees in the railway express industry in Canada, including those engaged full and part time, totalled 11,411 in 1959 as compared with 11,507 a year earlier. Salaries and wages during the same period increased slightly however to \$42,673,976 from \$42,460,212, indicating an average annual wage of \$3,740 in 1959 as against \$3,690 in 1958. Commissions paid to other than employees amounted to \$2,985,627 in contrast to \$2,963,996.

During 1959 railway express service was available to Canadians over a combined land, sea and air distance of 67,523 miles. This compares with 65,982 miles in 1958.

May 27, 1960.

Railway Express, 1959

	Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Railway Company	Canadian National Express Company	Canadian Pacific Express Company	Northern Alberta Railways Company	Railway Express Agency Inc.	Totals
	dollars					
Operating revenues:						
Transportation:						
Express	124,480	43,442,245	37,483,611	562,440	4,721,490	86,334,266
Miscellaneous	-	126,722	272,573	-	-	399,295
Totals	124,480	43,568,967	37,756,184	562,440	4,721,490	86,733,561
Other:						
Customhouse brokerage fees	-	14,800	14,694	-	-	29,494
Order and Commission Departments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rents of buildings and other property	-	-	3,563	-	-	3,563
Money orders, domestic and foreign	3,051	373,288	341,023	-	-	717,362
Travellers' cheques, domestic and foreign	-	2,300	79,358	-	-	81,658
"C.O.D." cheques	211	501,600	342,165	-	-	843,976
Telegraphic transfers	-	-	1,889	-	-	1,889
Letters of credit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other revenue, Financial Department	-	-	136,724	-	-	136,724
Miscellaneous revenues	-	31,862	-	3,932	250,683 ¹	286,477
Totals	3,262	923,850	919,416	3,932	250,683	2,101,143
Gross receipts from operations	127,742	44,492,817	38,675,600	566,372	4,972,173	88,834,704
Express privileges, Dr.	22,800	12,002,653	11,033,439	251,903	1,750,426	25,061,221
Total operating revenues	104,942	32,490,164	27,642,161	314,469	3,221,747	63,773,483
Operating expenses:						
Maintenance	1,132	1,269,819	1,653,625	718	241,281	3,166,575
Traffic	1,212	152,496	170,108	2,684	55,534	382,034
Transportation	53,499	29,255,036	22,725,111	283,611	2,735,681	55,052,938
General	4,941	1,193,155	2,018,135	25,708	174,333	3,416,272
Provision for income taxes	17,108	-	150,001	-	-	167,109
Other taxes	4,857	213,325	775,181	1,748	14,918	1,010,029
Total operating expenses	62,749	32,083,831	27,492,161	314,469	3,221,747	63,194,957
Income account:						
Operating revenues	104,942	32,490,164	27,642,161	314,469	3,221,747	63,773,483
Operating expenses	62,749	32,083,831	27,492,161	314,469	3,221,747	63,194,957
Net operating income (or loss).....	22,193	406,333	150,000	-	-	578,526
Other income	-	-	98,230	-	-	98,230
Other deductions	-	1,057	50,138	-	-	51,195
Net income (or deficit)	22,193	405,276	198,092	-	-	625,561
Capital stock:						
Common, issued at par value	-	1,000,000	3,000,000	-	-	4,000,000
Preferred, issued at par value	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amounts payable to affiliated companies	-	3,720,202	-	-	-	3,720,202
Totals	-	4,720,202	3,000,000	-	-	7,720,202
Investments at December 31, 1959:						
Real property	-	-	356,891	7,464	145	364,500
Equipment	-	4,723,625	5,197,938	1,923	168,687	10,092,173
Miscellaneous physical property	5,025	-	3,792,959	-	-	3,797,984
Other	-	1,821,119	-	-	-	1,821,119
Totals	5,025	6,544,744	9,347,788	9,387	168,832	16,075,770

See footnote at end of table.

Railway Express, 1959 - Continued

	Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Railway Company	Canadian National Express Company	Canadian Pacific Express Company	Northern Alberta Railways Company	Railway Express Agency Inc.	Total
Tax accruals:						
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	261	1,307	-	-	1,568
New Brunswick	-	558	4,368	-	-	4,926
Quebec	-	14,134	43,778	-	6,771	64,683
Ontario	4,857	10,196	76,269	-	5,516	96,838
Manitoba	-	85	10,387	-	1,010	11,482
Saskatchewan	-	1,507	16,833	-	-	18,340
Alberta	-	629	6,201	789	-	7,619
British Columbia	-	1,588	7,660	294	1,446	10,988
Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yukon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Government of Canada	17,108	183,038	754,910	-	175	955,231
Other	-	1,329	3,469	665	-	5,463
Totals	\$ 21,965	213,325	925,182	1,748	14,918	1,177,138
Financial paper issued:						
Money orders sold, domestic and foreign	\$ -	79,499,381	46,970,789	-	-	126,470,170
Travellers' cheques sold, domestic and foreign	\$ -	662,219	8,626,397	-	-	9,288,616
"C.O.D." cheques issued	\$ 26,781	2	18,841,506	-	266,125	19,134,412
Telegraphic transfers	\$ -	-	142,728	-	-	142,728
Totals	\$ 26,781	80,161,600	74,581,420	-	266,125	155,035,926
Equipment and miscellaneous physical property owned at December 31, 1959:						
Equipment:						
Road vehicles:						
Motor trucks	No. -	935	956	-	44 ³	1,935
Trailers (road equipment - semi-trailers and full trailers)	" -	45	134	-	-	179
Automobiles	" -	-	3	-	-	3
Platform vehicles:						
Trucks, hand	" -	-	3,908	19	100 ⁵	4,027
Trucks, motor driven	" -	5	67	-	-	72
Other	" -	3,762	-	-	-	3,762
Miscellaneous physical property:						
Road vehicles used in cartage services:						
Trucks	" 1	-	406	-	-	407
Trailers	" -	-	178	-	-	178
Automobiles	" -	-	-	-	-	-
Employees, salaries and wages:						
Full time employees:						
Number .....	..	6,091	5,147	19	145	11,402
Salaries and wages	\$ 27,975	23,122,142	18,860,218	77,074	514,638	42,602,047
Part time employees:						
Number .....	..	-	5	9	5	9
Salaries and wages	\$ 15,998 ⁴	-	5	37,131	18,800	71,929
Commissions paid	\$ 2,294	1,592,323	1,235,149	34,449	121,412	2,985,627
Express offices:						
Number in Canada at Dec. 31, 1959	65	1,537	1,322	51	44	3,019
Number of offices selling money orders	6	1,931	1,312	-	-	3,243
Number of branch offices selling money orders	-	2,391	2,338	-	-	4,729

See footnotes at end of table.

Railway Express - Concluded

	Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Railway Company	Canadian National Express Company	Canadian Pacific Express Company	Northern Alberta Railways Company	Railway Express Agency Inc.	Total
Route mileage covered:¹						
In Canada:						
By railway ²	322.10	23,366.75	16,741.76	901.40	937.44	42,269.45
By steamship lines	-	5,296.00	791.00	-	508.00	6,595.00
By motor carriers lines	-	5,647.20	741.00	27.00	-	6,415.20
By airlines	-	11,015.00	-	-	1,194.00	12,209.00
By miscellaneous lines	-	34.10	-	-	-	34.10
Totals	322.10	45,359.05	18,273.76	928.40	2,639.44	67,522.75
Outside Canada:						
By railway, U.S.A.	-	43.79	254.32	-	156,113.02	156,411.13
By steamship	-	-	2,679.00	-	6,446.10	9,125.10
Other	-	-	-	-	173,056.50	173,056.50
Totals	-	43.79	2,933.32	-	335,615.62	338,592.73
Grand totals	322.10	45,402.84	21,207.08	928.40	338,255.06	406,115.48
Route mileage covered, by area:¹						
Newfoundland	-	6,728.06	-	-	-	6,728.06
Prince Edward Island	-	559.82	-	-	-	559.82
Nova Scotia	-	1,974.67	288.54	-	-	2,263.21
New Brunswick	-	2,674.36	578.33	-	-	3,252.69
Quebec	-	6,711.70	1,654.05	-	263.83	8,629.58
Ontario	322.10	10,608.44	4,244.84	-	1,225.11	16,400.49
Manitoba	-	4,052.82	1,746.75	-	132.39	5,931.96
Saskatchewan	-	6,202.29	4,486.60	-	-	10,688.89
Alberta	-	3,714.48	2,487.05	901.50	321.00	7,424.03
British Columbia	-	2,132.41	2,787.60	26.90	697.11	5,644.02
Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yukon	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	-	43.79	254.32	-	328,049.62	328,347.73
Ocean-going mileage	-	-	2,679.00	-	7,566.00	10,245.00
Totals	322.10	45,402.84	21,207.08	928.40	338,255.06	406,115.48
Accidents:						
Persons injured	No.	544	274	-	4	822
Persons killed	"	1	-	-	-	1
		1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
Summary, 1955-59:						
Gross receipts from operations	\$	73,434,962	88,012,718	85,630,963	86,558,161	88,834,704
Express privileges, Dr.	\$	23,533,770	27,114,672	23,870,836	23,797,450	25,061,221
Operating expenses (excluding taxes)	\$	48,726,272	60,180,066	61,385,390	61,009,759	62,017,819
Net operating revenues (before taxes)	\$	1,174,920	1,664,580	1,321,637	1,750,952	1,755,664
Tax accruals	\$	604,070	946,600	946,900	1,110,532	1,177,138
Capital	\$	7,184,323	7,330,246	7,222,837	7,597,682	7,720,202
Investments at December 31	\$	8,253,055	12,915,793	13,423,481	15,598,722	16,075,776
Financial paper issued	\$	162,413,878	166,290,232	162,696,027	162,646,263	155,035,926
Employees:⁹						
Number		11,593	12,448	12,133	11,507	11,411
Salaries and wages	\$	36,200,739	40,981,769	42,172,398	42,460,212	42,673,976
Commissions paid	\$	2,745,259	3,044,285	2,930,514	2,963,996	2,985,627
Mileage covered in Canada		65,916.40	64,925.45	65,516.26	65,982.07	67,522.75

¹ Not divided by items.
² Included with "Money orders sold".
³ Estimated.
⁴ Percent baggagemen's wages.
⁵ Included with "Full time employees".
⁶ Conducts business as C.P. Express Co. 1950-54.
⁷ Includes duplications.
⁸ Includes electric line mileages.
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