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Presented in this report are statistics of railway express operations in Canada for the year 1960. 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. 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 64 class 1 U.S. railroads.

Review of 1960 Results

Gross receipts of the five railway express companies operating in Canada during 1960 declined 4.3 per cent to \$84,986,847 from \$88,834,704 a year earlier. Express privileges (the portion of earnings paid other railways for carrying the express packages) amounted to \$23,242,445 in 1960 (\$25,061,221 in 1959) thus reducing operating revenues to

\$61,744,402 as compared with \$63,773,483 in the previous year. Operating expenses dropped 3.3 per cent to \$61,123,033 from \$63,194,957 and, as a result, the net operating income rose to \$621,372 from \$578,526 in 1959.

Express revenues accruing from the transportation of express matter and from the use of facilities on trains and at stations amounted to \$82,866,675 in 1960 in contrast to \$86,733,561 in 1959. Other miscellaneous revenues such as customhouse brokerage fees, money orders, travellers' cheques, etc. totalled \$2,120,172 as compared with \$2,101,143.

Transportation expenses, as in the previous year, accounted for over 85 per cent of all operating costs. In 1960, this figure totalled \$52,471,276 as compared with \$55,052,938 a year earlier.

Investments in property and equipment at the close of the year under review totalled \$16,656,566, an increase of \$580,790 over the \$16,075,776 recorded in 1959. The amount of outstanding capital stock dropped slightly to \$7,536,673 from \$7,720,202.

The value of financial paper issued during the year fell to \$146,029,950 from \$155,035,926, due mainly to a decline of \$8.2 million in domestic and foreign money order sales. "C.O.D." cheques amounted to \$17,971,578 as against \$19,134,412 in 1959.

The number of employees in the railway express industry in Canada declined during the current year to 10,733 from 11,411 in 1959. Salaries and wages during the same period totalled \$40,206,239 as compared with \$42,673,976, indicating an average annual wage of \$3,746 in 1960 as against \$3,740 in 1959. Commissions paid to other than employees amounted to \$2,736,817 in contrast to \$2,985,627.

During 1960 railway express service was available to Canadians over a combined land, sea and air distance of 62,154 miles. This compares with 67,523 miles in 1959.

May 11, 1960.

Railway Express, 1960

	Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Railway Company	Canadian National Express Company	Canadian Pacific Express Company	Northern Alberta Railways Company	Railway Express Agency Inc.	Total
	dollars					
Operating revenues:						
Transportation:						
Express	98,315	43,101,244	34,351,012	420,716	4,572,941	82,544,228
Miscellaneous	—	133,500	188,947	—	—	322,447
Totals	98,315	43,234,744	34,539,959	420,716	4,572,941	82,866,675
Other:						
Customhouse brokerage fees	—	17,200	15,569	—	—	32,769
Order and Commission Departments	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rents of buildings and other property	—	—	3,600	—	—	3,600
Money orders, domestic and foreign	2,349	363,600	325,846	—	—	691,795
Travellers' cheques, domestic and foreign	—	1,700	87,313	—	—	89,013
"C.O.D." cheques	48	508,023	330,165	—	—	838,236
Telegraphic transfers	—	—	1,191	—	—	1,191
Letters of credit	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other revenue, Financial Department	—	—	162,197	—	—	162,197
Miscellaneous revenues	—	31,800	—	3,456	266,115 ¹	301,371
Totals	2,397	922,323	925,881	3,456	266,115	2,120,172
Gross receipts from operations	100,712	44,157,067	35,465,840	424,172	4,839,056	84,986,847
Express privileges, Dr.	22,800	11,692,276	9,831,164	188,065	1,508,140	23,242,445
Total operating revenues	77,912	32,464,791	25,634,676	236,107	3,330,916	61,744,402
Operating expenses:						
Maintenance	1,143	1,291,439	1,648,918	405	262,322	3,204,227
Traffic	1,244	151,764	165,302	2,690	78,761	399,761
Transportation	46,753	28,546,652	20,859,013	211,646	2,807,212	52,471,276
General	4,927	1,726,127	1,856,978	19,510	168,075	3,775,617
Provision for income taxes	9,682	—	150,000	—	—	159,682
Other taxes	2,623	288,977	804,465	1,856	14,546	1,112,467
Total operating expenses	66,372	32,004,959	25,484,676	236,107	3,330,916	61,123,030
Income account:						
Operating revenues	77,912	32,464,791	25,634,676	236,107	3,330,916	61,744,402
Operating expenses	66,372	32,004,959	25,484,676	236,107	3,330,916	61,123,030
Net operating income (or loss)	11,540	459,832	150,000	—	—	621,372
Other income	—	—	98,644	—	—	98,644
Other deductions	—	1,173	51,432	—	—	52,605
Net income (or deficit)	11,540	458,659	197,212	—	—	667,411
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	—	3,536,673	—	—	—	3,536,673
Totals	—	4,536,673	3,000,000	—	—	7,536,673
Investments at December 31, 1960:						
Real property	—	—	1,314,125	7,464	145	1,321,734
Equipment	5,025	5,057,982	8,269,137	1,923	157,686	13,491,753
Other	—	1,821,119	21,960	—	—	1,843,079
Totals	5,025	6,879,101	9,605,222	9,387	157,831	16,656,566

See footnote at end of table.

Railway Express, 1960 - 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	\$ -	18	-	-	-	18
Nova Scotia	\$ -	294	1,459	-	-	1,753
New Brunswick	\$ -	1,272	2,772	-	-	4,044
Quebec	\$ -	14,237	28,817	-	6,104	49,158
Ontario	\$ 2,623	13,784	45,592	-	5,792	67,791
Manitoba	\$ -	116	10,394	-	1,085	11,595
Saskatchewan	\$ -	1,927	17,577	-	-	19,504
Alberta	\$ -	629	4,099	818	-	5,546
British Columbia	\$ -	1,591	797	307	1,518	4,213
Northwest Territories	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-
Yukon	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-
Federal income tax	\$ 9,682	-	150,000	-	47	159,729
Other government of Canada	\$ -	255,109	692,958	731	-	948,798
Totals	\$ 12,305	288,977	954,465	1,856	14,546	1,272,149
Financial paper issued:						
Money orders sold, domestic and foreign	\$ -	74,543,390	43,727,753	-	-	118,271,143
Travellers' cheques sold, domestic and foreign	\$ -	691,691	9,015,907	-	-	9,707,598
"C.O.D." cheques issued	\$ 8,311	-	17,751,709	-	211,558	17,971,578
Telegraphic transfers	\$ -	-	79,631	-	-	79,631
Totals	\$ 8,311	75,235,081	70,575,000	-	211,558	146,029,950
Equipment inventory:						
Road vehicles used in express service:						
Motor trucks	No. -	946	852	-	40	1,838
Trailers, road equipment: Semi-trailers and full trailers	" -	48	157	-	-	205
Automobiles	" -	-	4	-	-	4
Road vehicles used in cartage service:						
Trucks	" 1	-	408	-	-	409
Trailers	" -	-	251	-	-	251
Automobiles	" -	-	2	-	-	2
Platform vehicles:						
Trucks, hand	" -	-	3,908	19	94	4,021
Trucks, motor driven	" -	36	67	-	-	103
Other	" -	3,762	-	-	-	3,762
Employees, salaries and wages:						
Full time employees:						
Number	5,956	4,625	21	131	10,733
Salaries and wages	\$ 38,583	22,456,609	17,137,548	86,540	484,688	40,203,988
Part time employees:						
Number	-	-	3	..	-	..
Salaries and wages	\$ -	-	3	2,271	-	2,271
Commissions paid	\$ 2,209	1,420,016	1,174,445	27,101	113,046	2,736,817
Express offices:						
Number in Canada at Dec. 31, 1960	66	1,507	1,280	48	35	2,936
Number of offices selling money orders	4	1,842	1,247	-	-	3,089
Number of branch offices selling money orders	-	2,338	2,087	-	-	4,425

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:⁵						
In Canada:						
By railway ⁶	322.10	23,291.37	16,010.96	901.40	875.29	41,401.12
By steamship lines	-	5,205.00	791.00	-	508.00	6,504.00
By motor carriers lines	-	990.20	741.00	27.00	-	1,758.20
By airlines	-	10,889.00	-	-	1,568.00	12,457.00
By miscellaneous lines	-	34.10	-	-	-	34.10
Totals	322.10	40,409.67	17,542.96	928.40	2,951.29	62,154.42
Outside Canada:						
By railway, U.S.A.	-	43.79	254.32	-	150,987.22	151,285.33
By steamship	-	-	2,679.00	-	5,990.80	8,669.80
Other	-	-	-	-	193,251.81	193,251.81
Totals	-	43.79	2,933.32	-	350,229.83	353,206.94
Grand totals	322.10	40,453.46	20,476.28	928.40	353,181.12	415,361.36
Route mileage covered, by area:⁵						
Newfoundland	-	6,808.06	-	-	-	6,808.06
Prince Edward Island	-	318.54	-	-	-	318.54
Nova Scotia	-	1,551.11	288.54	-	-	1,839.65
New Brunswick	-	1,760.19	578.33	-	-	2,338.52
Quebec	-	5,741.72	1,654.05	-	637.83	8,033.60
Ontario	322.10	9,030.02	4,244.84	-	1,162.96	14,759.92
Manitoba	-	3,850.39	1,691.25	-	132.39	5,674.03
Saskatchewan	-	6,133.87	4,007.30	-	-	10,141.17
Alberta	-	3,116.36	2,291.05	901.50	321.00	6,629.91
British Columbia	-	2,099.41	2,787.60	26.90	697.11	5,611.02
Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yukon	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	-	43.79	254.32	-	336,550.83	336,848.94
Ocean-going mileage	-	-	2,679.00	-	13,679.00	16,358.00
Totals	322.10	40,453.46	20,476.28	928.40	353,181.12	415,361.36
Accidents:						
Persons injured	No.	557	236	1	-	794
Persons killed	"	-	1	-	-	1
		1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Summary, 1956-60:						
Gross receipts from operations	\$	88,012,718	85,630,963	86,558,161	88,834,704	84,986,847
Express privileges, Dr.	\$	27,114,672	23,870,836	23,797,450	25,061,221	23,242,445
Operating expenses (excluding taxes)	\$	60,180,066	61,385,390	61,009,759	62,017,819	59,850,881
Net operating revenues (before taxes)	\$	1,664,580	1,321,637	1,750,952	1,755,664	1,893,521
Tax accruals	\$	946,600	946,900	1,110,532	1,177,138	1,272,149
Capital	\$	7,330,246	7,222,837	7,597,682	7,720,202	7,536,673
Investments at December 31	\$	12,915,793	13,423,481	15,598,722	16,075,776	16,656,566
Financial paper issued	\$	166,290,232	162,696,027	162,646,263	155,035,926	146,029,950
Employees: ⁷						
Number		12,448	12,133	11,507	11,411	10,733
Salaries and wages	\$	40,981,769	42,172,398	42,460,212	42,673,976	40,206,239
Commissions paid	\$	3,044,285	2,930,514	2,963,996	2,985,627	2,736,817
Mileage covered in Canada		64,925.45	65,516.26	65,982.07	67,522.75	62,154.42

¹ Breakdown not available.

² Included with "Money orders sold".

³ Included with "Full time employees".

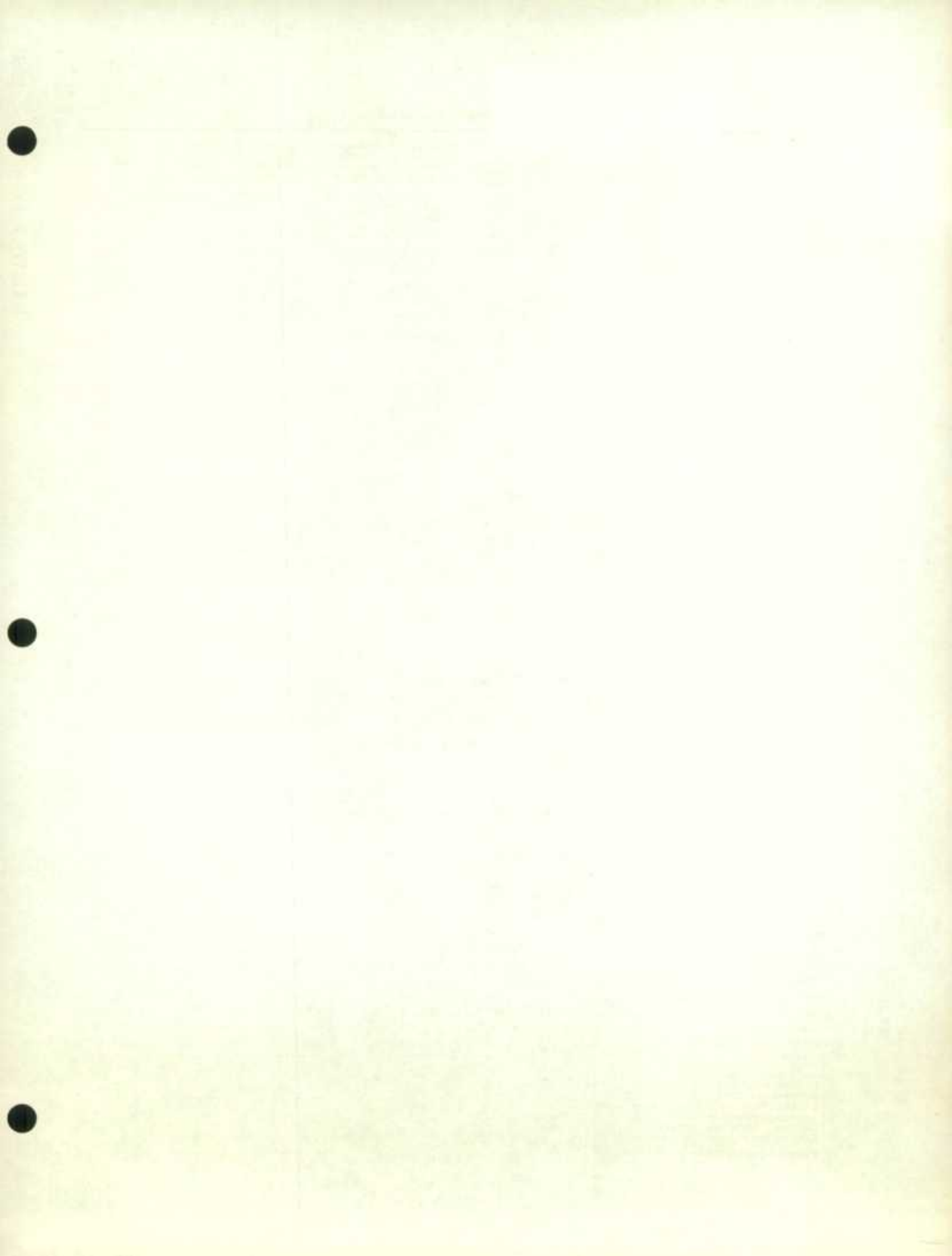
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⁶ Includes electric line mileages.

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