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Presented in this report are statistics of railway express operations in Canada for the year 1961. 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 a number of class 1 U.S. railroads.

Review of 1961 Results

Gross receipts of the five railway express companies operating in Canada during 1961 totalled \$81,098,805, a decline of 4.6 per cent from \$84,986,847 in 1960. Express privileges (the portion of earnings paid other railways for carrying the express packages) amounted to \$17,875,713 as compared with \$23,242,445 in 1960. Thus operating

revenues amounted to \$63,223,092, up 2.4 per cent from \$61,744,402 the previous year. Operating expenses rose 2.5 per cent to \$62,674,794 from \$61,123,030 and, as a result, the net operating income fell slightly to \$548,298 from \$621,372 in 1960.

A breakdown of operating revenues shows that those incidental to transportation totalled \$79,089,294 in 1961 in contrast to \$82,866,675 in 1960. Other miscellaneous revenues such as custom house brokerage fees, money orders, travellers' cheques, etc. aggregated \$2,009,511 in comparison with \$2,120,172.

Transportation expenses, as in previous years, accounted for over 85 per cent of all operating costs. In 1961, this figure totalled \$54,173,692 as compared with \$52,471,276 in 1960.

Investments in express property and equipment at the close of 1961 totalled \$16,410,738, down from the \$16,656,566 of the previous year. This reduction was mainly the result of equipment retirements reported in 1960. The amount of outstanding capital stock rose slightly to \$7,816,489 from \$7,536,673.

The value of financial paper issued by railway express companies during the year fell to \$140,519,846 from \$146,029,950, almost entirely as a result of a \$6.3 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 10,454 in 1961 as compared with 10,733 in 1960. Salaries and wages during the same period rose to \$42,408,663 from \$40,206,239, indicating an average annual wage of \$4,057 as against \$3,746 a year earlier. Commissions paid during 1961 amounted to \$2,733,174 as compared with \$2,736,817 in 1960.

In 1961 railway express service was available to Canadians over a combined land, sea and air distance of 65,523 miles. This compares with 62,514 miles in the previous year.

September 19, 1962

Railway Express, 1961

	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	65,560	42,115,906	32,427,272	374,826	3,752,317	78,735,881
Miscellaneous	-	124,522	228,891	-	-	353,413
Totals	65,560	42,240,428	32,656,163	374,826	3,752,317	79,089,294
Other:						
Customhouse brokerage fees	-	27,747	22,295	-	-	50,042
Order and Commission Departments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rents of buildings and other property	-	-	3,600	-	-	3,600
Money orders, domestic and foreign	1,784	357,324	301,816	-	-	660,924
Travellers' cheques, domestic and foreign	-	1,000	94,354	-	-	95,354
"C.O.D." cheques	23	454,692	327,565	-	-	782,280
Telegraphic transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Letters of credit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other revenue, Financial Department	-	-	143,007	-	-	143,007
Miscellaneous revenues	-	31,344	-	2,701	240,259 ¹	274,304
Totals	1,807	878,107	892,637	2,701	240,259	2,009,511
Gross receipts from operations	67,367	43,112,535	33,548,800	377,527	3,992,576	81,098,805
Express privileges, Dr.	22,800	8,629,909	7,796,182	171,692	1,255,130	17,875,713
Total operating revenues	44,567	34,482,626	25,752,618	205,835	2,737,446	63,223,092
Operating expenses:						
Maintenance	1,440	1,348,500	1,504,014	832	199,871	3,054,657
Traffic	1,185	129,379	154,951	2,489	64,384	352,388
Transportation	39,481	30,517,461	21,103,159	186,741	2,326,850	54,173,692
General	4,905	1,800,149	1,827,059	14,506	133,961	3,780,580
Provision for income taxes	Cr. 1,092	-	152,700	-	-	151,608
Other taxes	-	284,787	863,435	1,267	12,380	1,161,869
Total operating expenses	45,919	34,080,276	25,605,318	205,835	2,737,446	62,674,794
Income account:						
Operating revenues	44,567	34,482,626	25,752,618	205,835	2,737,446	63,223,092
Operating expenses	45,919	34,080,276	25,605,318	205,835	2,737,446	62,674,794
Net operating income (or loss)	Dr. 1,352	402,350	147,300	-	-	548,298
Other income	-	-	120,493	-	-	120,493
Other deductions	-	853	60,599	-	-	61,452
Net income (or deficit)	Dr. 1,352	401,497	207,194	-	-	607,339
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	-	3,816,489	-	-	-	3,816,489
Totals	-	4,816,489	3,000,000	-	-	7,816,489
Investments at December 31, 1961:						
Real property	-	-	1,305,045	7,464	145	1,312,654
Equipment	5,025	5,424,188	7,715,399	1,923	130,430	13,276,965
Other	-	1,821,119	-	-	-	1,821,119
Totals	5,025	7,245,397	9,020,444	9,387	130,575	16,410,755

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Railway Express, 1961 - Continued

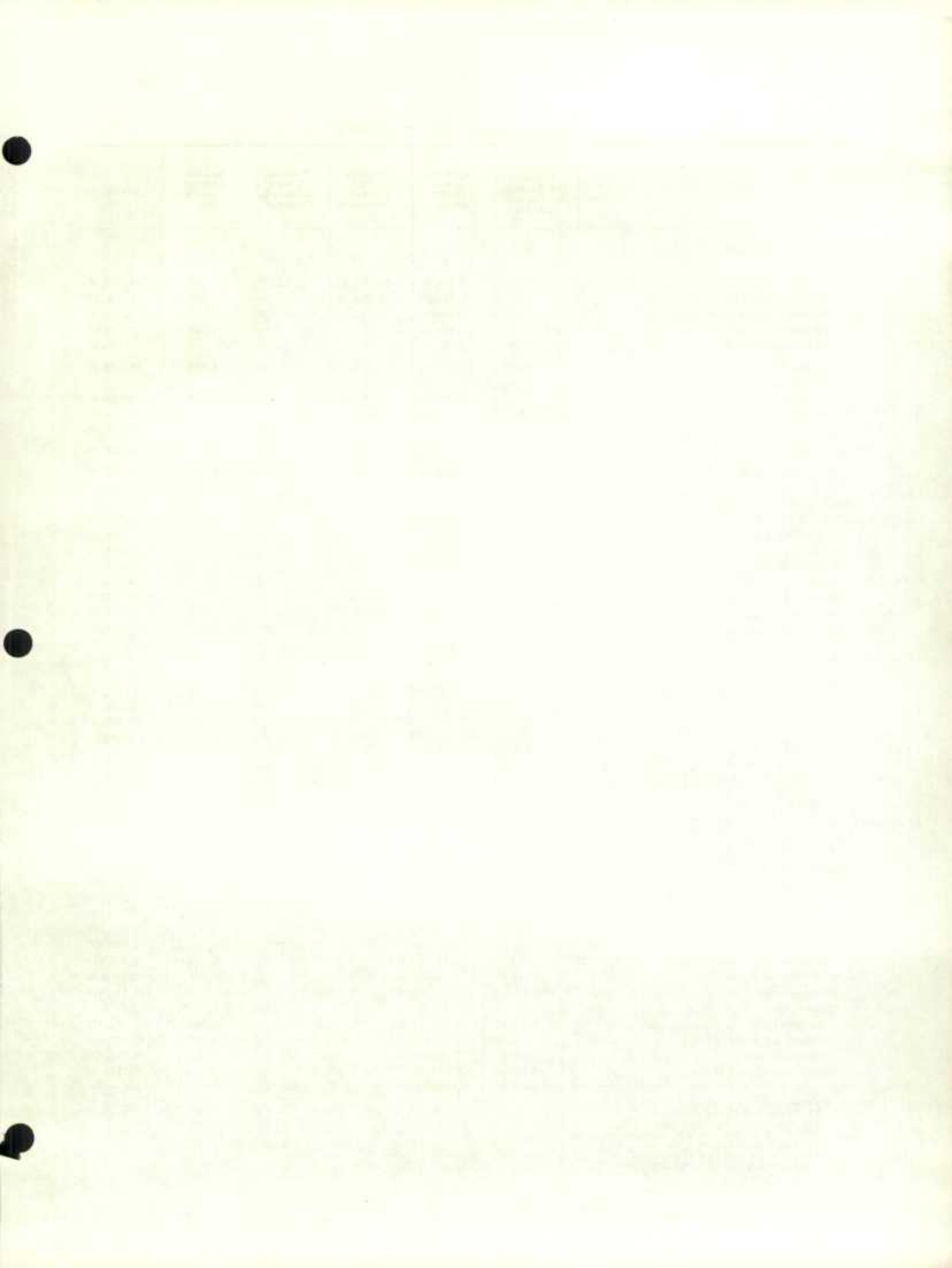
	Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Railway Company	Canadian National Express Company	Canadian Pacific Express Company	Northern Alberta Railways Company	Railway Express Agency Inc.	Total
Tax accruals:						
Newfoundland	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	\$ -	33	-	-	-	33
Nova Scotia	\$ -	234	1,455	-	-	1,689
New Brunswick	\$ -	1,086	2,608	-	-	3,694
Quebec	\$ -	13,985	23,545	-	4,138	41,668
Ontario	\$ Cr. 189	10,033	54,608	-	5,789	70,241
Manitoba	\$ -	117	10,963	-	880	11,960
Saskatchewan	\$ -	1,655	16,309	-	-	17,964
Alberta	\$ -	713	438	422	-	1,573
British Columbia	\$ -	1,482	75	301	1,561	3,419
Northwest Territories	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-
Yukon	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-
Federal Income tax	\$ Cr. 904	-	152,700	-	12	151,808
Other government of Canada	\$ -	255,449	753,434	544	-	1,009,427
Totals	\$ Cr. 1,093	284,787	1,016,135	1,267	12,380	1,313,476
Financial paper issued:						
Money orders sold, domestic and foreign	\$ -	71,926,453	40,008,656	-	-	111,935,109
Travellers' cheques sold, domestic and foreign	\$ -	635,318	9,572,013	-	-	10,207,331
"C.O.D." cheques issued	\$ 3,880	-	18,151,604	-	212,526	18,368,010
Telegraphic transfers	\$ -	-	9,396	-	-	9,396
Totals	\$ 3,880	72,561,771	67,741,669	-	212,526	140,519,846
Equipment inventory:						
Road vehicles used in express service:						
Motor trucks	No. -	966	811	-	35	1,812
Trailers, road equipment: Semi-trailers and full trailers	" -	61	207	-	-	268
Automobiles	" -	-	4	-	-	4
Road vehicles used in cartage service:						
Trucks	" 1	-	380	-	-	381
Trailers	" -	-	250	-	-	250
Automobiles	" -	-	2	-	-	2
Platform vehicles:						
Trucks, hand	" -	-	-	19	94	113
Trucks, motor driven	" -	36	69	-	-	105
Other	" -	3,762	-	-	-	3,762
Employees, salaries and wages:						
Full time employees:						
Number	10	5,871	4,435	14	124	10,454
Salaries and wages	\$ 34,267	24,180,156	17,644,292	63,779	483,454	42,405,948
Part time employees:						
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaries and wages	\$ -	-	-	2,715	-	2,715
Commissions paid	\$ 2,198	1,547,004	1,049,306	29,499	105,167	2,733,174
Express offices:						
Number in Canada at Dec. 31, 1961	66	1,466	1,216	45	33	2,826
Number of offices selling money orders	4	2,245	1,220	-	-	3,465
Number of branch offices selling money orders	-	1,377	2,010	-	-	3,387

See footnotes at end of table.

Railway Express, 1961 - 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 ⁴	322.10	23,158.85	15,793.96	922.70	875.29	41,072.90
By steamship lines	-	5,114.00	791.00	-	523.00	6,428.00
By motor carriers lines	-	3,490.00	741.00	5.20	-	4,236.20
By airlines	-	12,184.00	-	-	1,568.00	13,752.00
By miscellaneous lines	-	34.10	-	-	-	34.10
Totals	322.10	43,980.95	17,325.96	927.90	2,966.29	65,523.20
Outside Canada:						
By railway, U.S.A.	-	43.79	254.32	-	143,848.32	144,146.43
By steamship	-	-	2,679.00	-	6,045.00	8,724.00
Other	-	-	-	-	207,629.30	207,629.30
Totals	-	43.79	2,933.32	-	357,522.62	360,499.73
Grand totals	322.10	44,024.74	20,259.28	927.90	360,488.91	426,022.93
Route mileage covered, by area:²						
Newfoundland	-	6,750.51	-	-	-	6,750.51
Prince Edward Island	-	302.68	-	-	-	302.68
Nova Scotia	-	1,599.57	288.54	-	-	1,888.11
New Brunswick	-	1,714.14	556.23	-	-	2,270.37
Quebec	-	7,088.44	1,654.05	-	637.83	9,380.32
Ontario	322.10	9,912.81	4,189.54	-	1,162.96	15,587.41
Manitoba	-	4,329.44	1,669.15	-	132.39	6,130.98
Saskatchewan	-	6,014.59	3,889.80	-	-	9,904.39
Alberta	-	3,859.91	2,291.05	901.00	321.00	7,372.96
British Columbia	-	2,408.86	2,787.60	26.90	712.11	5,935.47
Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yukon	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	-	43.79	254.32	-	342,238.62	342,536.73
Ocean-going mileage	-	-	2,679.00	-	15,284.00	17,963.00
Totals	322.10	44,024.74	20,259.28	927.90	360,488.91	426,022.93
Accidents:						
Persons injured	No.	363	256	-	10	629
Persons killed	"	-	1	-	-	1
		1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Summary, 1956-61:						
Gross receipts from operations	\$	85,630,963	86,558,161	88,834,704	84,986,847	81,098,805
Express privileges, Dr.	\$	23,870,836	23,797,450	25,061,221	23,242,445	17,875,713
Operating Expenses (excluding taxes)	\$	61,385,390	61,009,759	62,017,819	59,850,881	61,361,317
Net operating revenues (before taxes)	\$	1,321,637	1,750,952	1,755,664	1,893,521	1,861,775
Tax accruals	\$	946,900	1,110,532	1,177,138	1,272,149	1,313,477
Capital	\$	7,222,837	7,597,682	7,720,202	7,536,673	7,816,489
Investments at December 31	\$	13,423,481	15,598,722	16,075,776	16,656,566	16,410,738
Financial paper issued	\$	162,696,027	162,646,263	155,035,926	146,029,950	140,519,846
Employees:⁷						
Number		12,133	11,507	11,411	10,733	10,454
Salaries and wages	\$	42,172,398	42,460,212	42,673,976	40,206,239	42,408,663
Commissions paid	\$	2,930,514	2,963,996	2,985,627	2,736,817	2,733,174
Mileage covered in Canada		65,516.28	65,982.07	67,522.75	62,154.42	65,523.20

¹ Breakdown not available.
² Included with "Money orders sold".
³ Included with "Full time employees".
⁴ Conducts business as C.P. Express Co. agents.
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