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CENSUS OF MERCHANDISING AND SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS, 1931

SURVEY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION, 1930

(Statistics for Common Carriers only.)

Statistics of the operations of motor vehicles engaged in the transportation of persons and goods were secured for the first time in connection with the Census of Merchandising and Service Establishments which formed a part of the Seventh Decennial Census. The data shown in this bulletin cover the operations of common carriers only engaged in long distance transportation during the year 1930. As the census year is the only period for which statistics have yet been collected, it is not possible to determine from the figures presented the developments that are taking place in the field of motor transportation.

Receipts amounting to \$16,033,100 were secured by the 1,463 motor transport enterprises which reported their activities for the year 1930. These concerns employed 5,251 full-time employees and paid out \$3,921,200 in salaries and wages. The greatest revenue from motor transportation was secured by concerns operating in the province of Ontario. Receipts of \$11,073,700 were reported by 957 operators of motor vehicles for hire in Ontario. Eighty-four concerns in British Columbia reported receipts of \$1,682,200 and 110 in Quebec province reported \$1,632,200.

The revenue from motor freight trucking in Canada amounted to \$8,013,700 in 1930 and the receipts of concerns engaged in hauling milk, cream and other farm products amounted to an additional \$1,369,900. Thus the total revenue from motor freighting amounted to \$9,383,600 in 1930. In the same year the revenue secured by steam railways in Canada from freight, express and milk amounted to \$344,109,505.00. The receipts of motor freight and trucking concerns were, therefore, 2.72 percent of the freight, express and milk revenue of steam railways. It must be emphasized, however, that the statistics for motor transportation do not cover the operations of private carriers, such as the fleets of motor trucks operated in inter-city traffic by mercantile companies. If figures were available to show the amount of goods transported in private motor carriers, the competition between motor and steam transportation systems could be more accurately determined.

Motor passenger carriers are classified under two headings--bus lines and stage lines. The former includes motor transportation concerns engaged in serving territory contiguous to a centre of population, while the latter includes those concerns operating between centres of population. The combined receipts of bus and stage lines in 1930 were \$6,649,500 which was 9.95 percent of the passenger receipts of steam railways in the same period. Again it must be noted that no information is available to show the extent to which the transportation of persons in private automobiles has affected the passenger revenues of steam railways.

Table I shows the number of establishments, number of full-time employees, salaries and wages paid, and receipts for Canada as a whole and by provinces.

Table II gives the operating expenses for all concerns which reported such information. Not all operators of motor vehicles for hire were able to furnish figures for operating expenses other than the amounts paid out in salaries and wages. The number of establishments included in Table II is, therefore, less than the number in Table I. Operating expenses include salaries and wages of employees, rent, taxes, insurance, administration, office and overhead expenses, including maintenance, delivery, stationery and supplies, light, heat and power, and all other items of expense. Unfortunately, it was not possible to determine from the census returns the extent to which depreciation was included in the expenses reported. It is thought that, in most cases, very little was allowed for this item and that, as a consequence, the operating expenses shown in Table II are indicative of the current operating expenses with little allowance for depreciation and none for returns on capital investment.

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Table I.

Kind of business	Number of es- tablish- ments	Number of em- ployees (full- time)	Salaries and wages paid to full-time employees \$	Receipts (1930) \$
Total, Canada	1,463	3,251	3,921,200	16,033,100
Bus lines (local)	38	163	215,700	789,800
Stage lines (inter-city)	146	1,042	1,535,900	5,859,700
Motor freight (inter-city)	721	1,889	2,030,800	8,013,700
Milk and cream and other farm products trucking.....	558	157	138,800	1,369,900
Nova Scotia				
Total	7	33	33,200	178,500
Bus lines (local)	1	33	33,200	161,300
Stage lines (inter-city)	3			
Motor freight (inter-city)	5	-	-	17,200
New Brunswick				
Total	20	20	11,900	108,200
Stage lines (inter-city)	10	13	6,800	87,100
Motor freight (inter-city)	9	7	5,100	21,100
Milk and cream and other farm products trucking.....	1			
Quebec				
Total	110	435	460,100	1,632,200
Bus lines (local)	10	21	20,100	53,100
Stage lines (inter-city)	22	229	302,400	1,001,600
Motor freight (inter-city)	67	183	135,600	543,500
Milk and cream and other farm products trucking	11	2	2,000	34,000
Ontario				
Total	957	2,190	2,738,500	11,078,700
Bus lines (local)	24	123	178,600	654,000
Stage lines (inter-city)	48	519	827,800	3,128,700
Motor freight (inter-city)	415	1,411	1,612,100	6,127,200
Milk and cream and other farm products trucking.....	470	132	120,000	1,168,800
Manitoba				
Total	124	104	101,200	497,200
Stage lines (inter-city)	15	9	8,600	94,400
Motor freight (inter-city)	66	84	87,000	326,900
Milk and cream and other farm products trucking.....	43	11	5,600	75,900
Saskatchewan				
Total	63	21	17,900	153,200
Stage lines (inter-city)	5	12	10,700	46,000
Motor freight (inter-city)	45	7	5,800	80,500
Milk and cream and other farm products trucking	13	2	1,400	26,700
Alberta				
Total	98	166	128,600	702,900
Bus lines (local)	1	46	38,000	218,700
Stage lines (inter-city)	13			
Motor freight (inter-city)	69	116	87,200	459,000
Milk and cream and other farm products trucking	15	4	3,400	25,200
British Columbia				
Total	84	282	429,800	1,682,200
Bus lines (local)	2	195	325,400	1,204,600
Stage lines (inter-city)	30			
Motor freight (inter-city)	47	81	98,000	439,900
Milk and cream and other farm products trucking	5	6	6,400	37,700

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Table II. Operating Expenses

Kind of business	Number of estab- lish- ments	Operating Expenses \$	Receipts (1930) \$
Total, Canada	717	10,614,400	13,352,500
Bus lines (local)	22	397,800	680,600
Stage lines (inter-city)	83	4,523,600	5,537,400
Motor freight (inter-city)	396	5,218,200	6,330,500
Milk and cream and other farm products trucking	216	474,800	804,000
<u>Nova Scotia</u>			
Total	3	77,600	115,800
<u>New Brunswick</u>			
Total	9	60,400	78,400
Stage lines (inter-city)	4	52,200	62,800
Motor freight (inter-city)	4		
Milk and cream and other farm products trucking	1	8,200	15,600
<u>Quebec</u>			
Total	46	900,100	1,222,600
Bus lines (local)	2		
Stage lines (inter-city)	12	721,700	921,000
Motor freight (inter-city)	29	175,400	288,000
Milk and cream and other farm products trucking	3	3,000	13,600
<u>Ontario</u>			
Total	468	7,385,900	9,387,500
Bus lines (local)	17	547,300	593,600
Stage lines (inter-city)	25	2,303,000	3,016,800
Motor freight (inter-city)	247	4,334,100	5,085,800
Milk and cream and other farm products trucking	179	401,500	691,300
<u>Manitoba</u>			
Total	57	244,400	310,200
Stage lines (inter-city)	9	67,800	79,000
Motor freight (inter-city)	32	154,800	199,500
Milk and cream and other farm products trucking	16	21,800	31,700
<u>Saskatchewan</u>			
Total	27	70,200	92,000
Stage lines (inter-city)	4	38,300	42,500
Motor freight (inter-city)	17	19,100	31,700
Milk and cream and other farm products trucking	6	12,800	17,800
<u>Alberta</u>			
Total	52	435,700	559,200
Stage lines (inter-city)	9	197,600	206,100
Motor freight (inter-city)	34	224,900	334,700
Milk and cream and other farm products trucking	9	13,200	18,400
<u>British Columbia</u>			
Total	55	1,440,100	1,586,800
Bus lines (local)	2		
Stage lines (inter-city)	18	1,115,900	1,180,400
Motor freight (inter-city)	35		
Milk and cream and other farm products trucking	2	324,200	406,400

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