

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Express Companies.—There are three distinctly Canadian express companies, viz., the Canadian Express Co., the Canadian Northern Express Co. and the Dominion Express Co. They are organized under powers conferred by Acts of the Dominion Parliament, and their business consists in the forwarding of parcels through the railway companies, in the transfer of luggage and in the issue of money orders, travellers' cheques, letters of credit and other forms of financial paper. Five other express companies, located in the United States, also do business in Canada. The total capital liability of the three Canadian companies on June 30, 1912, stood at \$4,705,200, an increase of \$700,000 as compared with 1911 due to the addition of that amount to the capital of the Canadian Northern Express Co. Of this company the capital is now \$1,000,000, that of the Canadian Express Co. is \$1,705,200 and that of the Dominion Express Co. is \$2,000,000 in addition to \$40,000 of funded debt. The total operating mileage of all express companies in Canada for the year ended June 30, 1912, was 30,445, as compared with 27,585 in 1911. The gross operating receipts were \$10,994,418 compared with \$9,913,018 in 1911. A deduction of \$4,892,242 for express privileges, that is the amount paid to railways, steamboat and stage lines for the carrying of express matter, leaves \$6,102,176 as the operating revenue for the year. Operating expenses amounted to \$4,880,120 and the net revenue to \$1,163,008.

25.—Operating Mileage of Express Companies in Canada, 1911 and 1912.

	1911.	1912.
By routes over—	Miles.	Miles.
Steam roads.....	25,377.90	26,855.30
Electric lines.....	213.81	278.61
Steamboat lines.....	1,792.00	3,161.50
Stage lines.....	146.00	146.91
Miscellaneous.....	55.75	3.25
Totals.....	27,585.46	30,445.57
By Provinces—		
Alberta.....	1,371.08	1,750.04
British Columbia.....	2,814.02	3,395.68
Manitoba.....	3,339.04	3,608.15
New Brunswick.....	1,119.43	1,378.41
Nova Scotia.....	1,396.32	1,339.13
Ontario.....	9,938.20	10,245.97
Prince Edward Island.....	298.10	213.10
Quebec.....	3,914.64	3,914.69
Saskatchewan.....	3,034.43	3,698.20
Yukon.....	59.48	601.48
Foreign.....	300.71	300.72
Totals.....	27,585.46	30,445.57
By companies—		
American Express Co.....	1,252.43	1,290.43
Canadian Express Co.....	7,230.31	7,406.31
Canadian Northern Express Co.....	4,422.29	5,255.49
Dominion Express Co.....	13,709.33	14,604.88
Great Northern Express Co.....	575.40	661.86
United States Express Co.....	224.84	224.84
Wells Fargo and Co.....	90.70	921.60
National Express Co.....	80.16	80.16
Totals.....	27,585.46	30,445.57

NOTE.—In addition to the above mileage outside operations in 1912 covered 19,120 miles chiefly in connection with ocean-going steamers.