

30.—Operating Expenses of Express Companies for the years ended June 30, 1915-1919, and for the calendar years 1919 and 1920—concluded.

Companies.	Total privileges.	Taxes.	Total expenses.
	\$	\$	\$
American Railway Express.....	918,424	14,012	2,476,798
British America Express.....	16,814	208	30,509
Canadian Express.....	3,898,815	65,041	8,629,215
Canadian National Express.....	1,731,173	13,737	3,649,099
Central Canada Express.....	48,237	—	99,298
Dominion Express.....	9,395,997	84,077	17,422,546
Total, 1920, Dec. 31.....	16,009,460	177,125	32,307,465
Total, 1919, Dec. 31.....	12,936,615	166,535	26,330,802
Total, 1919, June 30.....	11,347,767	155,251	23,295,517
Total, 1918, June 30.....	8,875,181	146,505	18,376,352
Total, 1917, June 30.....	8,052,606	270,387	16,010,649
Total, 1916, June 30.....	6,146,399	146,294	12,087,210
Total, 1915, June 30.....	5,610,224	123,029	11,366,157

31.—Business transacted by Express Companies in financial paper for the years ended June 30, 1918-1919, and for the calendar years 1919 and 1920.

Description.	June 30.		Dec. 31.	
	1918.	1919.	1919.	1920.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Money Orders, domestic.....	59,635,453	49,371,467	52,460,478	65,289,817
Money Orders, foreign.....	2,291,157	2,291,459	2,222,908	2,315,114
Travellers' cheques, domestic.....	2,196,588	552,570	837,093	513,242
Travellers' cheques, foreign.....	174,057	334,153	267,320	226,940
"C.O.D." cheques.....	14,563,936	15,844,486	18,062,985	22,413,731
Telegraphic transfers.....	341,209	269,704	208,333	162,193
Letters of credit issued.....	37,820	—	—	—
Other forms.....	1,236,706	1,609,359	2,639,576	1,668,138
Total.....	80,476,926	70,273,198	76,698,693	92,589,175

CANALS.

Historical.—Before the period of extensive railway construction which commenced for Canada in the 1850's, the water routes, more especially the St. Lawrence, the Great Lakes, and the Ottawa, were the chief avenues of transportation. These routes were interrupted at certain points, necessitating portages. The canals of Canada were, in the main, constructed to eliminate the toil of unloading, transporting, and reloading at the portages.

The earliest mention of canals in Canada is in connection with the Lachine canal, begun by early French settlers in 1700, but only after the conquest of Canada by the British were improvements of the main water routes made, and in the early part of the 19th century increased internal and foreign trade and the introduction of steam navigation resulted in more attention being given to this work. Although for a time the canals were constructed primarily for military purposes, they soon became essential to the commercial life of the country.

Canal Systems.—There are six canal systems under the control of the Dominion Government in connection with navigable lakes and rivers. They consist of the canals (1) between Port Arthur or Fort