

29.—Operating Expenses of Express Companies for the years ended June 30, 1915-1919, and for the calendar years 1919-1922.

Companies.	Mainten- ance.	Traffic expenses.	Transpor- tation expenses.	General expenses.	Total operating expenses.	Total privileges.	Taxes.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
American Railway Express.....	30,745	1,966	505,047	81,420	619,178	1,681,966	24,593
British America Express.....	—	1,079	6,557	3,763	11,399	15,456	201
Canadian National Express.....	261,329	43,098	5,535,889	332,834	6,173,140	5,974,982	109,411
Central Canada Express.....	76	821	31,130	2,576	34,603	53,852	3,227
Dominion Express.....	236,656	107,765	5,899,513	514,256	6,758,190	6,855,533	103,668
Total, 1922, Dec. 31....	528,895	154,730	11,978,136	934,848	13,596,518	14,581,789	241,101
Total, 1921, Dec. 31....	590,985	163,289	13,791,686	1,055,229	15,601,187	16,549,915	207,558
Total, 1920, Dec. 31....	572,700	113,838	14,483,856	959,487	16,120,880	16,009,460	177,125
Total, 1919, Dec. 31....	592,452	152,003	11,758,203	814,994	13,227,652	12,936,615	166,535
Total, 1919, June 30....	393,871	92,972	10,566,603	739,653	11,792,499	11,347,767	155,251
Total, 1918, June 30....	341,845	94,008	8,267,739	642,083	9,354,666	8,875,181	146,506
Total, 1917, June 30....	269,576	78,219	6,510,790	829,071	7,687,656	8,052,606	270,387
Total, 1916, June 30....	194,726	73,962	5,641,155	484,674	5,794,517	6,146,399	146,294
Total, 1915, June 30....	107,618	90,693	4,981,846	452,747	5,632,904	5,610,224	123,029

30.—Business transacted by Express Companies in financial paper for the calendar years 1919-1922.

Description.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Money Orders, domestic.....	52,460,478	65,289,817	47,288,611	50,217,071
Money Orders, foreign.....	2,222,908	2,315,114	1,494,844	1,467,039
Travellers' cheques, domestic.....	837,093	513,242	549,846	906,928
Travellers' cheques, foreign.....	267,320	226,940	224,160	311,110
"C.O.D." cheques.....	18,062,985	22,413,731	20,600,083	18,308,877
Telegraphic transfers.....	208,333	162,193	226,622	110,620
Other forms.....	2,639,576	1,668,138	619,288	486,547
Total.....	76,698,693	92,589,175	71,003,454	71,808,192

V.—ROADS AND HIGHWAYS.

Historical.—The early roads were auxiliary to water routes as avenues of transportation. Their use became common during the summer seasons when portages were necessary to avoid obstacles to river and lake travel, and during the winters, when ice prevented navigation and snow covered the inequalities of the ground. Even the extensive system of waterways of eastern Canada was an inadequate means of communication between points of settlement in a rapidly growing colony, and the need for overland routes manifested itself in the introduction of the system of common roads which prevailed under the feudal *régime*; and not only did the crude early roads serve the needs of the settlers but also those of the British, French and American armies during their numerous campaigns. Regiments were frequently employed, during times of peace, in road construction in different parts of Upper and Lower Canada.

The first important highway in Canada extended along the north shore of the St. Lawrence from Quebec to Montreal, being gradually completed with the growth of the French settlement. In Upper Canada, one of the earliest roads was that from Toronto to lake Simcoe (Yonge St.), completed in 1794 under the direction of Gov. Simcoe, the work being done by the Queen's Rangers. This road not only gave access to the area north of Toronto, but also provided a more convenient route than that of the Ottawa river from the trading posts on the Upper Lakes