

5.—Summary of Steam Railway Statistics of Freight and Passenger Traffic and Ratio of Expenses to Earnings, years ended June 30, 1911-1919, and calendar years 1919-1924—concluded.

Years.	Miles in operation.	Total train miles.	Passengers carried.	Freight carried.	Gross Earnings.	Operating Expenses.	Ratio of expenses to receipts.
	No.	No.	No.	Tons.	\$	\$	p.c.
1911.....	25,400	89,716,533	37,097,718	79,884,282	188,733,494	131,034,785	69.43
1912.....	26,727	100,930,271	41,124,181	89,444,331	219,403,753	150,726,540	68.70
1913.....	29,304	113,437,208	46,185,968	106,992,710	256,702,703	182,011,690	70.90
1914.....	30,795	107,895,272	46,702,280	101,393,989	243,083,539	178,975,259	73.63
1915.....	35,582	93,218,479	46,322,035	87,204,838	199,843,072	147,731,099	73.92
1916.....	37,434	111,075,890	43,503,459	100,659,088	261,888,654	180,542,259	68.94
1917.....	38,604	115,977,100	48,106,530	121,916,272	310,771,479	222,890,637	71.72
1918.....	38,484	109,857,560	44,948,638	127,543,687	330,220,150	273,955,436	82.96
1919.....	38,501	103,832,835	43,754,194	116,699,572	382,976,901	341,866,509	89.27
1919 (Dec. 31).....	38,663	107,053,735	47,940,456	111,487,780	408,598,361	376,789,093	92.22
1920 (").....	38,976	117,384,819	51,318,422	127,429,154	492,101,104	478,248,154	97.18
1921 (").....	39,363	104,652,167	46,793,251	103,131,132	458,008,891	422,581,205	92.26
1922 (").....	39,360	107,625,144	44,383,620	108,530,518	440,687,128	393,927,406	89.39
1923 (").....	39,665	114,010,698	44,834,337	118,289,604	478,338,047	413,862,818	86.52
1924 (").....	40,061	110,134,782	42,921,809	106,429,355	445,923,877	382,483,908	85.77

6.—Distribution of Operating Expenses of Steam Railways for the calendar years 1921-1924.

Items of Expenditure.	1921.		1922.		1923.		1924.	
	\$	p.c.	\$	p.c.	\$	p.c.	\$	p.c.
Ways and structures.....	88,268,355	20.89	79,887,565	20.28	83,501,064	20.18	78,051,798	20.41
Equipment.....	97,447,141	23.06	93,814,326	23.82	92,255,094	22.29	85,107,990	22.25
Traffic expenses.....	11,302,676	2.67	12,925,539	3.28	14,160,804	3.42	15,219,062	3.98
Transportation.....	209,583,746	49.60	191,009,121	48.49	205,264,233	49.60	187,813,639	49.10
General expenses.....	15,979,287	3.78	16,290,805	4.13	18,681,623	4.51	16,291,419	4.26
Total.....	422,581,205	100.00	393,927,406	100.00	413,862,818	100.00	382,483,908	100.00

7.—Earnings and Operating Expenses of Steam Railways per mile of line and per train mile, for the years ended June 30, 1914-1919, and for calendar years 1919-1924.

Years.	Gross Earnings.	Operating Expenses.	Net Earnings.	Gross Earnings.	Operating Expenses.
	Per mile of line.			Per train mile.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1914.....	7,893.60	5,811.83	2,081.77	2.253	1.659
1915.....	5,616.41	4,151.57	1,464.84	2.144	1.585
1916.....	6,943.00	4,823.00	2,120.00	2.358	1.623
1917.....	8,051.00	5,774.00	2,277.00	2.683	1.925
1918.....	8,580.71	7,118.68	1,462.50	3.006	2.494
1919.....	9,947.19	8,879.42	1,067.77	3.683	3.292
1919 (Dec. 31).....	10,568.20	9,745.00	823.20	3.817	3.520
1920 (").....	12,625.75	12,270.00	355.75	4.192	4.074
1921 (").....	11,635.51	10,735.00	900.51	4.376	4.038
1922 (").....	11,196.31	10,008.00	1,188.31	4.095	3.660
1923 (").....	12,059.45	10,434.00	1,625.45	4.196	3.630
1924 (").....	11,131.12	9,548.00	1,583.12	4.049	3.473

A summary analysis of passenger and freight traffic statistics for recent years is given in Table 8, showing among other things, a decline in average receipts per passenger per mile from 3.036 cents in 1921 to 2.790 cents in 1924, and a decline in the average number of passengers per train from 70 in 1919 and 64 in 1920 to 53 in 1924. Similarly, freight traffic statistics show a reduction in freight receipts per ton per mile from 1.200 cents in 1921 to 0.987 cents in 1923 and 1.019 cents in 1924, the increase in the latter year being accounted for by the smaller percentage of low-rate grain traffic rather than by any increase in freight rates. In this table there should also be noted the tendency toward an increase in the average length of the freight haul and the increase in the average train load from 353 tons in 1914 to 502 tons in 1923; this latter figure was, however, reduced to 483 tons in 1924.