

travellers' cheques, letters of credit and other forms of financial paper. Three other express companies situated in the United States, but consolidated during the war period, like the United States railways, under the operation of a single management appointed by the United States Government, and referred to here as "American Railway," also do business in Canada. The total capital liabilities of the three Canadian companies on Dec. 31, 1924, stood at \$5,150,000.

A considerable volume of the business of express companies has, during recent years, been drawn off by the numerous motor bus and motor truck systems now in operation. Transport facilities offered by motor vehicles have proved to be of much value, and with the building of improved road systems throughout the country, further decreases in the amount of express traffic now carried by the railways over short distances may be expected.

Table 27, following, shows the operating mileage of Canadian express companies for the years 1920 to 1924, illustrating chiefly the division of business among the various concerns, and the provinces in which their systems are most highly developed. The first section of the table illustrates clearly the preponderance of mileage operated over steam railway lines, but the available statistics for 1923 and 1924, owing to the lack of information regarding Canadian National Railway express operations, are not comparable with previous years except in parts of Tables 28 and 29.

**27.—Operating Mileage of Express Companies in Canada, by Routes, by Provinces and by Companies, for the calendar years 1920-1924.**

Routes, Provinces and Companies.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
<b>By Routes over—</b>					
Steam roads.....	40,852	40,851	42,176	18,951	19,494
Electric lines.....	301	304	250	137	137
Steamboat lines (Inland).....	2,862	2,862	3,037	1,822	2,830
Stage lines.....	84	81	81	64	64
Steamship lines (Ocean).....	16,813	16,811	16,811	14,181	14,181
Miscellaneous.....	-	2	2	-	-
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>60,912</b>	<b>60,911</b>	<b>62,357</b>	<b>35,155</b>	<b>36,706</b>
<b>By Provinces—</b>					
Prince Edward Island.....	500	500	490	-	-
Nova Scotia.....	1,947	1,946	1,946	289	289
New Brunswick.....	2,549	2,549	2,810	665	665
Quebec.....	5,426	5,398	5,514	1,808	1,884
Ontario.....	11,701	11,701	11,701	5,430	5,469
Manitoba.....	4,296	4,298	4,298	2,013	1,997
Saskatchewan.....	6,168	6,219	6,269	2,822	3,228
Alberta.....	4,774	4,754	5,626	3,494	3,567
British Columbia.....	5,778	5,738	5,723	3,307	4,280
Yukon.....	637	669	844	844	844
Other.....	17,137	17,137	17,137	14,483	14,483
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>60,912</b>	<b>60,911</b>	<b>62,357</b>	<b>35,155</b>	<b>36,706</b>
<b>By Companies—</b>					
American Railway Express Co.....	2,657	2,611	2,786	2,786	3,718
British America Express Co.....	414	414	414	414	414
Canadian Express Co.....	15,308	15,308 <sup>2</sup>	1	-	-
Canadian Northern Express Co.....	8,921	1	1	-	-
Central Canada Express Co.....	729	729	763	765	788
Dominion Express Co.....	32,884	32,806	33,666	31,190	31,786
Canadian National Express Co. <sup>4</sup> .....	-	9,043 <sup>3</sup>	24,728	-	-
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>60,912</b>	<b>60,911</b>	<b>62,357</b>	<b>35,155</b>	<b>36,706</b>

<sup>1</sup> Included in the Canadian National Express Co. <sup>2</sup> 8 months. <sup>3</sup> 4 months. <sup>4</sup> Business now carried on by the Canadian National Railways.