

5.—Summary of Steam Railway Statistics of Freight and Passenger Traffic and Ratio of Expenses to Earnings, years ended June 30, 1901-1919, and calendar years 1919-1925—concluded.

NOTE.—These statistics were published for the year 1875-1900 on p. 434 of the 1916-17 Year Book.

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.
1916.....	37,434	111,075,890	43,503,459	100,659,088	261,888,654	180,542,259	68-94
1917.....	38,604	115,797,100	43,106,530	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	273,955,486	82-96
1919.....	38,501	103,232,835	43,754,194	116,699,572	382,976,901	341,866,500	89-27
1919 (Dec. 31).....	38,663	107,053,735	47,940,456	111,487,790	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 (").....	39,380	107,625,144	44,383,620	108,580,518	440,687,128	393,927,406	89-39
1923 (").....	39,665	114,010,698	44,534,337	118,289,694	478,338,047	413,862,818	86-52
1924 (").....	40,061	119,134,782	42,921,809	106,429,355	445,923,877	382,483,908	85-77
1925 (").....	40,352	109,388,725	41,458,084	109,850,925	455,297,288	372,149,656	81-70

6.—Distribution of Operating Expenses of Steam Railways for the calendar years 1922-1925.

Items of Expenditure.	1922.		1923.		1924.		1925.	
	\$	p.c.	\$	p.c.	\$	p.c.	\$	p.c.
Ways and structures.....	79,887,565	20-28	83,501,064	20-18	78,051,798	20-41	74,015,637	19-89
Equipment.....	93,814,326	23-82	92,255,094	22-29	85,107,990	22-25	86,120,493	23-15
Traffic expenses.....	12,925,599	3-28	14,160,804	3-42	15,219,062	3-98	15,380,361	4-13
Transportation.....	191,009,121	48-49	205,264,233	49-60	187,813,639	49-10	180,875,593	48-60
General expenses.....	16,290,805	4-13	18,681,623	4-51	16,291,419	4-26	15,757,572	4-23
Total.....	353,927,406	100-00	413,862,818	100-00	382,483,868	100-00	372,149,656	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 the calendar years 1919-1925.

Years.	Gross Earnings	Operating Expenses	Net Earnings	Gross Earnings	Operating Expenses
	Per mile of line.			Per train mile.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1914.....	7,894	5,812	2,082	2-253	1-659
1915.....	5,616	4,162	1,465	2-144	1-585
1916.....	6,943	4,823	2,120	2-358	1-623
1917.....	8,051	5,774	2,277	2-683	1-925
1918.....	8,581	7,119	1,462	3-006	2-494
1919.....	9,947	8,879	1,068	3-683	3-292
1919 (Dec. 31).....	10,568	9,745	823	3-817	3-520
1920 (").....	12,626	12,270	356	4-192	4-074
1921 (").....	11,636	10,735	901	4-376	4-038
1922 (").....	11,196	10,008	1,188	4-095	3-660
1923 (").....	12,069	10,434	1,625	4-196	3-630
1924 (").....	11,131	9,548	1,583	4-049	3-473
1925 (").....	11,283	9,222	2,061	4-162	3-402

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 2-690 cents in 1925, and a decline in the average number of passengers per train from 70 in 1919 and 64 in 1920 to 55 in 1925. 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 1-012 cents in 1925, the increase in the latter year being accounted for by the smaller percentage