

Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway (electric) and other railways operated separately, hotels, commercial telegraphs, coastal steamships and all other outside operations.

Up to 1928 there was a marked improvement over the results of the first year after consolidation (1923), when the deficit was \$51,697,675, but the light traffic in 1929 so reduced gross revenues that, with increased interest charges and only a slight reduction in operating expenses, the deficit increased from \$29,868,437 in 1928 to \$46,099,250. During 1926-1928, 40 to 45 p.c. of the net revenues was earned in the last three months of each year and only 25 p.c. of operating expenses was expended, but in 1929, owing to the exceedingly heavy decrease in traffic, only 30 p.c. of net revenues was earned during October, November and December and heavy maintenance and other expenses had already been incurred. The Central Vermont, which was previously included in this table, suffered severe damages from floods during 1927 and was forced into receivership on Dec. 13, 1927; consequently its accounts were not included with those of the Canadian National system. In 1930 the road was sold at public auction and purchased by the Canadian National Railways; from Feb. 1, 1930, the accounts have been included with those of the other constituent lines in the United States (25.3 miles of the Central Vermont are in Canada).

**21.—Gross Revenues, Operating Expenses, Net Revenues, Interest on Funded Debt and Annual Deficit of the Canadian National Railways, for the calendar years 1925-1929.<sup>1</sup>**

Item.	1925.	1926.	1927 <sup>2</sup> .	1928.	1929.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Gross Railway Operating Revenues—</b>					
Canadian Lines.....	208,218,921	225,547,852	207,573,007	232,459,577	217,604,460
United States Lines.....	36,752,282	40,639,974	41,143,367	44,172,344	42,274,504
Totals, Can. and U.S. Lines.....	244,971,203	266,187,826	248,716,374	276,631,921	259,878,973
Eastern Lines.....	—	—	36,182,744 <sup>3</sup>	27,959,347 <sup>3</sup>	30,618,007 <sup>3</sup>
Totals, All Lines.....	244,971,203	266,187,826	274,879,118	304,591,268	290,496,980
<b>Railway Operating Expenses—</b>					
Canadian Lines.....	184,373,201	190,173,271	172,786,790	186,296,821	183,408,505
United States Lines.....	28,333,587	29,531,362	30,528,894	31,951,522	31,408,388
Totals, Can. and U.S. Lines.....	212,706,788	219,704,633	203,315,684	218,248,343	214,816,893
Eastern Lines.....	—	—	29,989,588	31,493,352	33,815,382
Totals, All Lines.....	212,706,788	219,704,633	233,305,272	249,731,695	248,632,275
<b>Net Operating Revenues—</b>					
Canadian Lines.....	23,845,720	35,374,581	34,786,217	46,162,756	34,195,964
United States Lines.....	8,418,695	11,108,612	10,614,473	12,220,822	10,866,116
Totals, Can. and U.S. Lines.....	32,264,415	46,483,193	45,400,690	58,383,578	45,062,080
Eastern Lines.....	—	—	-3,826,839	-3,524,005	-3,197,375
Totals, All Lines.....	32,264,415	46,483,193	41,573,851	54,859,573	41,864,705
<b>Interest—</b>					
Canadian National—On Funded Debt.....	71,888,617	71,287,687	72,262,418	73,537,537	77,323,052
Eastern Lines—On Funded Debt.....	—	—	768,912	780,880	871,473
Totals, All Lines.....	71,888,617	71,287,687	73,031,330	74,318,217	78,194,525
<b>Deficit—</b>					
Canadian National.....	41,444,764	29,701,445	31,576,194	24,730,410	40,933,094
Eastern Lines.....	—	—	5,129,718 <sup>4</sup>	5,138,027 <sup>4</sup>	5,165,256 <sup>4</sup>
Totals, All Lines.....	41,444,764	29,701,445	36,705,912	29,868,437	46,099,250

<sup>1</sup>Exclusive of Hudson Bay Railway in 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929; this line was included in previous years.

<sup>2</sup>Adjusted to show data of Eastern Lines for twelve months, also to include revenues and expense of commercial telegraph.

<sup>3</sup>Includes contributions from Dominion Government to cover loss from 20 p.c. reduction in certain rates ordered by the Maritime Freight Rates Act, July 1, 1927; \$931,810 for 6 months 1927, \$2,151,528 for 12 months 1928, and \$2,451,818 including \$13,743 for Gaspé railways for 1929.

<sup>4</sup>Appropriations by Dominion Government to meet deficits of Eastern Lines including loss due to reduction in freight rates amounted to—\$3,049,746 in cash, \$214,949 in accounts, total \$3,264,695 for 6 months 1927; \$6,351,884 in cash, \$937,671 in accounts, total \$7,289,555 for 1928; and \$7,214,035 in cash, \$389,296 in accounts, total \$7,603,331 for 1929.