

A long desired hook-up between Eastern and Western Canada, through U.S.A. lines, was first provided on Feb. 3, 1931, when a regular service between Winnipeg and Pembina, N.D., connecting with United States services to Saint Paul and Chicago, and thence to Detroit, was established. By means of this service a letter posted in Toronto on Monday evening is delivered in Winnipeg on Tuesday afternoon and in Calgary and Edmonton on Wednesday morning, with correspondingly fast service on the eastward route. Business men, particularly on the Prairies, have been quick to appreciate the time-saving qualities of this fine service.

83.—Mileage Flown and Weight of Mails Carried by Air, fiscal year ended Mar. 31, 1931.

Route.	Distance.	Single Trips Scheduled.	Trips Made.	Total Distance Flown.	Weight of Mail Carried.
	miles.	No.	No.	miles.	lb.
Amos-Siscoe.....	42	86	86	2,923	6,641
Chibougamau-Oakelaneø superseded by: Amos-Chibougamau, Sept. 15, 1930.....	190	64	56	8,720	1,951
Lac du Bonnet—Bissett.....	82	96	94	7,708	13,925
Leamington—Peelee Island.....	22	194	142	3,124	18,111
Moncton—Charlottetown via Summer- side on Eastbound trip.....	100	178	150	10,260	71,907
Moncton—Magdalen Island.....	80	34	4 ¹	800	1,818
Montreal—Albany.....	200	213	296	58,823	20,802
Montreal—Detroit.....	557.5	608	584	299,104	42,135
Montreal—Moncton via Saint John.....	467	630	536	184,855	6,748
Montreal—Ottawa.....	110	61	51	5,610	2,607
Montreal—Quebec, Discontinued Jan. 31, 1931.....	134	510	449	59,988	2,308
Montreal—Rimouski.....	330	92	84	26,621	54,044
Narrow Lake—Sioux Lookout.....	232	176	176	26,634	38,550
Peace River—North Vermilion.....	332	4	5	1,670	10,014
Quebec—Seven Islands.....	167	8	46	17,940	23,506
Regina—Edmonton.....	345	730	713	326,700	26,351
Seven Islands—Anticosti.....	493	16	10 ¹	1,200	1,782
Toronto—Buffalo.....	120	304	277	27,635	42,215
Winnipeg—Calgary.....	100	731	707	528,301	49,448
Winnipeg—Pembina.....	815.5	116	114	7,570	4,860
Winnipeg—Pembina.....	66.4				
MACKENZIE RIVER SERVICE—					
Ft. McMurray—Fort Smith.....		160	181		
Ft. Smith—Ft. Resolution.....		80	154		
Ft. Resolution—Ft. Simpson.....	1,656	40	62	132,589	62,687
Ft. Simpson—Aklavik.....		12	23		
Special Flights.....	Varied	Varied	50	9,175	4,093
Totals.....				1,747,950	506,503

¹Service (which is a seasonal operation) almost completely suspended owing to abnormal winter weather conditions.

Subsidies, etc.—The conveyance of mail by land, water and air entailed a total expenditure of \$15,525,812 during 1930. Land transportation (largely that by rural delivery) cost \$6,554,150, railway carriage cost \$7,804,999, conveyance by steamship cost \$532,793, while that by air cost \$633,870. These amounts were paid solely for services rendered as carriers. In addition, however, considerable mail is carried on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, by steamships and steamship lines which are especially subsidized by the Government. Table 84, showing amounts so paid in 1929, 1930 and 1931, follows:—