

steamship lines of the parent company. The express business of the Canadian National system and Northern Alberta railway is handled by departments of the respective railways. The Railway Express Agency, Inc., operates over the Canadian sections of United States railways and over the route from Skagway to points in Yukon. These companies are all organized under powers conferred by Acts of the Dominion Parliament and their business consists in the expeditious shipment of valuable live stock, and such perishable commodities as fresh fish, fruit, etc., the forwarding of parcels and baggage, and the issue of money orders, travellers cheques, letters of credit, and other forms of financial paper. No statistics are available regarding the volume of traffic carried by express. Much of the traffic, of course, consists of parcels and small lots which would make statistical classification and measurement very difficult. However, there is also an important movement in car lots of live stock, fresh fish, fruit, vegetables, and other perishable commodities.

In the following tables the amounts paid by express companies to the carriers, i.e., railways, steamship lines, etc., for transporting the express matter, are shown under the heading "Express Privileges". Of the total of 62,634 miles operated in 1937, 42,195 were over steam railways, 280 over electric railways, 14,227 on ocean steamship services (mainly by the Canadian Pacific lines), 4,606 miles on inland or coastal steamboat routes, 490 by aircraft, and 835 miles over highways by motor trucks.

31.—Summary Statistics of Revenues and Expenses of Express Companies, calendar years 1929-37.

Note.—Corresponding figures for the years ended June 30, 1911-18, are given at p. 673 of the 1927-28 Year Book, and for the years 1919-28 at p. 669 of the 1935 edition.

Calendar Year.	Gross Earnings.	Operating Expenses.	Express Privileges.	Net Operating Revenues.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1929.....	27,758,385	13,480,028	13,598,575	679,782
1930.....	24,352,181	12,759,439	12,380,060	-787,318
1931.....	20,115,255	11,292,957	10,909,184	-2,086,856
1932.....	16,870,806	9,479,802	7,307,980 ¹	83,024
1933.....	15,228,015	8,497,892	6,605,225	122,898
1934.....	16,206,171	8,473,601	7,268,616	463,954
1935.....	16,592,746	8,960,675	7,352,913	279,158
1936.....	17,169,315	9,414,746	7,478,874	275,695
1937.....	17,937,567	9,878,443	7,749,711	309,413

¹ Decrease due in part to revision of basis of payment by Canadian Pacific Express Co.

32.—Revenues, Expenses, and Operating Mileage of Express Companies, by Companies, calendar years 1936 and 1937.

Company.	Gross Earnings.	Operating Expenses.	Express Privileges.	Net Operating Revenues.	Mileage Operated.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	miles.
1936.					
Canadian National Railways.....	8,628,310	4,686,520	3,835,361	106,409	24,104
Canadian Pacific Express.....	7,926,998	4,464,075	3,323,849	139,074	33,250
Northern Alberta Railways.....	121,069	38,940	65,895	16,234	928
Railway Express Agency.....	492,938	325,211	253,749	13,978	4,894
Totals, 1936.....	17,169,315	9,414,746	7,478,874	275,695	63,146
1937.					
Canadian National Railways.....	9,069,258	4,893,525	4,036,020	139,712	24,141
Canadian Pacific Express.....	8,256,260	4,704,899	3,412,607	138,754	33,211
Northern Alberta Railways.....	134,046	43,081	73,300	17,665	928
Railway Express Agency.....	478,003	236,937	227,784	13,282	4,354
Totals, 1937.....	17,937,567	9,878,443	7,749,711	309,413	63,634