

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 65,024 miles operated in 1938, 42,048 were over steam railways, 275 over electric railways, 16,712 on ocean steamship services (mainly by the Canadian Pacific lines), 4,712 miles on inland or coastal steamboat routes, 435 by aircraft, and 842 miles over highways by motor trucks.

29.—Revenues and Expenses of Express Companies, 1929-38.

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 1938 edition.

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.....	20,115,285	11,292,957	10,909,184	-2,086,856
1932.....	16,870,806	9,479,802	7,307,980 ¹	83,024
1933.....	15,226,015	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
1938.....	17,674,477	10,325,329	7,417,127	-67,979

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

30.—Revenues, Expenses, and Operating Mileage of Express Companies, by Companies, 1937 and 1938.

Year and Company.	Gross Earnings.	Operating Expenses.	Express Privileges.	Net Operating Revenues.	Mileage Operated.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	miles.
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	9,878,442	7,749,711	309,413	62,634
1938.					
Canadian National Railways.....	8,642,605	5,053,354	3,829,366	-240,115	24,132
Canadian Pacific Express.....	8,433,444	4,972,612	3,311,802	149,030	35,638
Northern Alberta Railways.....	116,639	43,460	62,812	10,367	928
Railway Express Agency.....	481,789	255,903	213,147	12,739	4,326
Totals, 1938.....	17,674,477	10,325,329	7,417,127	-67,979	65,024