

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 65,184 miles operated in 1940, 41,951 were steam railways, 258 electric railways, 16,712 ocean steamship services (mainly by the Canadian Pacific lines), 4,943 inland or coastal steamboat routes, 424 airways, and 896 miles were highways travelled by motor-trucks.

27.—Revenues and Expenses of Express Companies, 1931-40

NOTE.—Corresponding figures for the years ended June 30, 1911 to 1918, are given at p. 673 of the 1927-28 Year Book, and for the years 1919 to 1930 at p. 669 of the 1938 edition.

Year	Gross Earnings	Operating Expenses	Express Privileges	Net Operating Revenues
	\$	\$	\$	\$
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
1939.....	19,410,091	10,622,936	8,313,218	473,937
1940.....	26,067,019	11,095,071	12,650,274	2,321,674

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

28.—Revenues, Expenses and Operating Mileage of Express Companies, by Companies, 1939 and 1940

Year and Company	Gross Earnings	Operating Expenses	Express Privileges	Net Operating Revenues	Mileage Operated
	\$	\$	\$	\$	miles
1939					
Canadian National Railways.....	9,781,542	5,187,277	4,350,257	244,008	24,092
Canadian Pacific Express.....	9,048,552	5,133,684	3,707,206	207,662	36,026
Northern Alberta Railways.....	112,553	43,105	60,088	9,360	927
Railway Express Agency.....	467,444	258,870	195,667	12,907	4,345
Totals, 1939.....	19,410,091	10,622,936	8,313,218	473,937	65,390
1940					
Canadian National Railways.....	13,768,930	5,463,563	6,170,263	2,135,104	24,015
Canadian Pacific Express.....	11,680,835	5,313,497	6,209,147	158,191	35,897
Northern Alberta Railways.....	133,636	49,127	70,749	13,760	928
Railway Express Agency.....	483,618	268,884	200,115	14,619	4,344
Totals, 1940.....	26,067,019	11,095,071	12,650,274	2,321,674	65,184