

21.—Passengers, Employees and Others Killed or Injured on Electric Railways, 1936-45

NOTE.—Figures for years ended June 30, 1900-18 are given at p. 611 of the 1926 Year Book and for the calendar years 1919-35 at p. 667 of the 1938 Year Book.

Calendar Year	Passengers		Employees		Others		Totals	
	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1936.....	Nil	1,503	2	280	41	651	43	2,434
1937.....	"	1,566	2	364	43	679	45	2,609
1938.....	1	1,712	1	314	34	605	36	2,631
1939.....	1	2,039	3	353	33	764	37	3,156
1940.....	1	2,263	2	363	39	847	42	3,473
1941.....	1	2,508	5	423	60	1,002	66	3,933
1942.....	2	3,157	3	489	86	1,338	91	4,984
1943.....	Nil	4,301	2	722	78	1,491	80	6,514
1944.....	3	3,980	7	835	88	1,556	98	6,371
1945.....	2	4,092	3	944	104	1,592	109	6,628

Section 3.—Express Companies

Express service is an expedited freight service on passenger trains, but express companies do not own the means of performing their services; they use railway facilities by virtue of contracts with the railway companies. Express companies in Canada have had close relations with the railways practically from the beginning.

Goods are sent by express for quick transit, so that express rates do not generally compete with freight rates. Thus, in its first tariff the Dominion Express Co., in pursuance of its contract with the Canadian Pacific Railway, gave a rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ times the maximum first-class railway freight rate for the same goods carried the same distance. The majority of the contracts between express and railway companies for carrying express freight are on the basis of a percentage of the gross express revenue. The rates paid by the shipper are subject to the approval of the Board of Transport Commissioners. Express 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 the issue of money orders, travellers cheques, letters of credit and other forms of financial paper.

Express Company Operations.—Four express organizations operate in Canada—three Canadian and one American. The Canadian Pacific Express Co., formerly the Dominion Express Co., is a subsidiary of the Canadian Pacific Railway and handles the express business on the railways and the inland and ocean steamship lines of the parent company. The express business of the Canadian National system and Northern Alberta Railways 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. 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.