

Since the Canadian Maritime Commission was created, it has assumed all responsibilities for the administration of steamship subventions which had formerly been under the jurisdiction of the Department of Trade and Commerce.

As of Feb. 1, 1948, the Park Steamship Company, a Crown Company formed to administer and operate wartime shipping constructed in Canada as a war measure, was transferred from the Department of Reconstruction and Supply to the Canadian Maritime Commission.

Most of the vessels constructed during the war years for operation by the Park Steamship Company have since been sold. Private Canadian operators purchased them under agreement that they would not be transferred out of Canadian registry except by permission of the Crown; a Government announcement, dated May 13, 1948, made public that such transfers might be made providing sanction was first obtained from the Canadian Maritime Commission, which body would deal with each application on its individual merits. The proceeds from the sale of such vessels are to be deposited in escrow and used for replacement by new merchant vessels of modern design and of a type and cost approved by the Commission.

Shipping Subsidies.—The figures given in Table 20 represent the amounts paid in connection with contracts made under statutory authority by the Department of Trade and Commerce and Canadian Maritime Commission for trade services, including the conveyance of mails on certain routes.

20.—Mail Subsidies and Steamship Subventions, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1946-48

Service	1946	1947	1948
	\$	\$	\$
Pacific Coast Services—			
Prince Rupert, B.C., and Queen Charlotte Islands.....	22,000	32,000	194,320
Vancouver and northern ports of British Columbia.....	15,000	37,000	224,680
Victoria, Vancouver, way ports and Skagway.....	10,000	10,000	6,875
Victoria and west coast Vancouver Island.....	10,000	10,000	10,000
Local Services—			
Baddeck and Iona.....	12,000	12,000	12,000
Campobello, N.B. and Lubec, Me.....	Nil	1,789	3,000
Chester and Tancook Island (winter).....	2,500	2,700	2,640
Dalhousie and Miguasha.....	12,000	12,000	12,000
Deer Island, Campobello Island and St. Stephen, N.B.....	Nil	167	2,000
Grand Manan and the mainland.....	33,000	60,962	85,000
Halifax, Canso and Guysborough.....	6,944	25,022	20,000
Halifax, LaHave and LaHave River ports.....	3,000	3,000	3,000
Halifax, Sherbrooke, Spry Bay and Tor Bay.....	6,500	6,500	11,200
Halifax and west coast of Cape Breton.....	6,000	6,000	6,000
Ile aux Coudres and Les Eboulements.....	3,500	3,500	3,500
Ile aux Grues and Montmagny.....	Nil	2,500	2,500
Ile aux Coudres and Quebec or Lévis.....	4,000	4,000	4,000
Mulgrave and Arichat.....	25,000	25,000	25,000
Mulgrave and Canso.....	64,000	64,000	64,000
Mulgrave and Guysborough, calling at intermediate ports.....	14,000	14,000	14,000
Murray Bay and north shore (winter service).....	50,000	50,000	50,000
Owen Sound and Manitoulin Islands.....	35,000	41,051	66,000
Pelee Island and the mainland.....	11,000	11,000	11,000
Pictou, Mulgrave and Cheticamp.....	10,875	11,000	11,000
Pictou, Souris and the Magdalen Islands.....	61,832	60,000	60,000
Prescott, Ont., and Ogdensburg, N.Y.....	11,640	Nil	Nil
Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.....	45,000	54,000	54,000
Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia.....	37,000	78,226	100,000
Quebec, Natashquan and Harrington, and other ports on the north shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.....	127,500	127,500	281,500
Quebec or Montreal and Gaspé, and other ports on the south shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.....	90,000	90,000	138,000
Rimouski, Matane, and the north shore of the Lower St. Lawrence.....	75,000	75,000	75,000