

Canadian Maritime Commission.—By authority of an Act (11 Geo. VI, c. 52) passed in the 1947 session of Parliament, the Canadian Maritime Commission was constituted for the purpose of examining into, keeping records of, and advising the Minister of Transport on matters pertaining to Canadian shipping and ship-building services.

In addition to these duties the Act also empowers the Commission to:—

- (1) exercise and perform on behalf of the Minister such powers, duties and functions of the Minister under the Canada Shipping Act, 1934, as the Minister may require;
- (2) administer, in accordance with regulations of the Governor in Council, any steamship subventions voted by Parliament; and
- (3) exercise or perform any other powers, duties or functions conferred on or required to be performed by the Commission by or pursuant to any other Act or order of the Governor in Council.

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, Limited, 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.

All the vessels constructed during the war years for operation by the Park Steamship Company, Limited, have 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 28 represent the amounts paid in connection with contracts made under statutory authority by the Canadian Maritime Commission for coastal and inland water shipping services, including the conveyance of mails on certain routes.

28.—Mail Subsidies and Steamship Subventions, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1947-49

Service	1947	1948	1949
	\$	\$	\$
Pacific Coast Services—			
Prince Rupert, B.C., and Queen Charlotte Islands.....	32,000	194,320	179,935
Vancouver and northern ports of British Columbia.....	37,000	224,680	208,065
Victoria, Vancouver, way ports and Skagway.....	10,000	6,875	—
Victoria and west coast Vancouver Island.....	10,000	10,000	70,000
Local Services—			
Baddeck and Iona.....	12,000	12,000	12,000
Campobello, N.B. and Lubec, Me.....	1,789	3,000	3,333
Chester and Tancred Island (winter).....	2,700	2,640	440
Dalhousie and Miguasha.....	12,000	12,000	12,000
Deer Island, Campobello Island and St. Stephen, N.B.....	167	2,000	2,000
Grand Manan and the mainland.....	60,962	85,000	85,000
Halifax, Canso and Guysborough.....	25,022	20,000	20,000
Halifax, LaHave and LaHave River ports.....	3,000	3,000	1,500
Halifax, Sherbrooke, Spry Bay and Torbay.....	6,500	11,200	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	16,000
Ile aux Grues and Montmagny.....	2,500	2,500	2,500