

Business transacted by express companies in financial paper is showing a downward trend, declining from \$155,035,926 in 1959 to \$135,523,112 in 1963. The 1963 total was made up of: domestic and foreign money orders, \$107,414,528; C.O.D. cheques, \$18,089,947; travellers cheques, \$9,979,934; and telegraphic transfers, \$38,703. The major decrease was shown in the amount of money orders issued.

The number of persons employed by express companies has also decreased over the five-year period. Employment (full-time and part-time) was provided for 8,282 persons in 1963, to whom \$35,386,525 was paid in salaries and wages; this compared with 11,411 employees in 1959, receiving \$42,673,976 in salaries and wages. Commissions paid dropped from \$2,985,627 to \$2,316,610 over the same period.

PART III.—ROAD TRANSPORT*

Highways and motor vehicles are herein treated as related features of transportation. An introductory Section summarizes provincial regulations regarding motor vehicles and motor traffic.

Section 1.—Provincial Motor Vehicle and Traffic Regulations†

NOTE.—It is obviously impossible to include here the great mass of detailed regulations in force in each province and territory; only the more important general information is given. The source of information for detailed regulations for each province and territory is given at pp. 775-776.

The registration of motor vehicles and the regulation of motor vehicle traffic lies within the legislative jurisdiction of the provincial and territorial governments. Regulations common to all provinces and territories are summarized as follows.

Operators' Licences.—The operator of a motor vehicle must be over a specified age, usually 16 years (17 in Newfoundland and 18 for class A licence in Alberta), and must carry a licence, obtainable in most provinces only after prescribed qualification tests. Such licence is renewable annually, except in Alberta and British Columbia where it is renewable every five years, in New Brunswick and Manitoba where it is renewable every two years and in Ontario where a licence is issued on a three-year basis and expires on the licensee's birth date. Special licences are required for chauffeurs in all provinces except Newfoundland and in some jurisdictions special licences may be granted to those who have not reached the specified age.

Motor Vehicle Regulations.—All motor vehicles and trailers must be registered annually, with the payment of specified fees, and must carry two registration plates, one on the front and one on the back of the vehicle (one only for the back of trailers); in New Brunswick one licence plate is issued to be attached to the front of truck tractors and to the rear of all other vehicles. In most provinces, in event of sale the registration plates stay with the vehicle but in Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta the plates are retained by the owner. In Nova Scotia, vehicles pass from owner to owner by due process of law and title must be secured before issue of plates and permit. A change of ownership of the vehicle must be recorded with the registration authority. However, exemption from registration is granted for a specified period (usually at least 90 days, except in Quebec where the maximum is 90 days, in British Columbia where it is six months and in Ontario where it is six months for vehicles from other provinces and three months for vehicles registered outside Canada) in any year to visitors' private vehicles registered in another province or a state that grants reciprocal treatment. Regulations require a safe standard of efficiency in the mechanism of the vehicle and of its brakes and stipulate that equipment include non-glare headlights, a proper rear light, a muffler, a windshield wiper, a rear-vision mirror, and a warning device.

* Except as otherwise indicated, the material in this Part has been revised in the Transportation Section, Public Finance and Transportation Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

† Revised according to information received from the respective provincial authorities concerned.