

Section 2.—Express Companies

There are five express organizations operating in Canada. The Canadian Pacific Express exists as a subsidiary of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and the express business of the Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Railway, the Canadian National Railway System and the Northern Alberta Railways Company is handled by departments of the respective railways. The Railway Express Agency Incorporated of the United States operates mainly over the Canadian sections of U.S. rail lines.

Express companies are organized under federal legislative authority. They are primarily engaged in the rapid transportation of package freight but their services also include custom brokerage, money orders, travellers cheques and other financial paper transactions. Recently, the major railways have introduced a unified service for handling small package express freight and less-than-carload-lot shipments, using the efficient facilities of their rail, piggyback and highway transport services to provide fast and competitive movement of goods.

No statistics are available on the volume of express freight handled because much of it consists of parcels and small lots which cannot be classified. Table 14 shows the milages operated by and the financial statistics of the express agencies for 1960-64, with figures by company for 1964.

14.—Summary Statistics of Express Companies, 1960-64

NOTE.—Figures from 1911 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1927-28 edition.

Year or Company	Milages Operated in Canada ¹	Gross Earnings	Operating Expenses ²	Express Privileges ³	Net Operating Revenue
	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$
1960.....	62,154	84,986,847	61,123,030	23,242,445	621,372
1961.....	65,523	81,098,805	62,674,794	17,875,713	548,298
1962.....	70,985	83,877,337	64,086,906	19,041,953	748,478
1963.....	74,293 ⁴	79,031,998	62,127,111	16,167,030	737,857
1964.....	76,025	81,728,007	64,918,242	16,162,703	647,062
1964					
Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Rly.....	322	66,814	50,841	22,800	Dr. 6,827
Canadian National Express.....	56,742	45,808,494	36,663,496	8,651,953	493,045
Canadian Pacific Express.....	16,717	29,860,007	23,588,589	6,124,418	147,000
Northern Alberta Railways.....	928	317,889	194,249	123,640	—
Railway Express Agency, Inc.....	1,316	5,674,803	4,421,067	1,239,892	13,844

¹ Over railways, boat lines, motor carrier and aircraft routes. ² Includes tax accruals from 1956 in accordance with the Uniform Classification of Accounts adopted Jan. 1, 1956. ³ Amounts paid by express companies to the carriers, i.e., railways, steamship lines, etc., for transporting express matter. ⁴ Excludes an estimated 10,040 airline miles over which express services are provided.

Business transacted by express companies in financial paper is showing a downward trend, declining from \$146,029,950 in 1960 to \$134,895,194 in 1964. The 1964 total was made up of: domestic and foreign money orders, \$106,997,022; C.O.D. cheques, \$17,639,941; travellers cheques, \$10,214,133; and telegraphic transfers, \$44,098. 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 7,346 persons in 1964, to whom \$32,398,891 was paid in salaries and wages; this compared with 10,733 employees in 1960, receiving \$40,206,239 in salaries and wages. Commissions paid dropped from \$2,736,817 to \$2,233,255 over the same period.