

EXPRESS COMPANIES.

There are four distinctly Canadian express companies, viz., the Canadian Express Co., the Canadian Northern Express Co., the Dominion Express Co. and the British America Express Co. They are organized under powers conferred by Acts of the Dominion Parliament, and their business consists in the forwarding of parcels through the railway companies, in the transfer of luggage, and in the issue of money orders, travellers' cheques, letters of credit and other forms of financial paper. Four other express companies situated in the United States also do business in Canada. The total capital liability of the four Canadian companies on June 30, 1915, stood at \$4,882,200. The total operating mileage of all eight express companies in Canada for the year ended June 30, 1915, was 38,611, as compared with 36,648 in 1914. The gross operating receipts were \$11,311,797, compared with \$12,646,452, a decrease of \$1,334,655 in 1914. A deduction of \$5,610,224 for express privileges, that is, the amount paid to railways, steamboat and stage lines for the carrying of express matter, leaves \$5,701,573 as the operating revenue for the year. Operating expenses amounted to \$5,632,904, as compared with \$6,246,632 in 1914, and the net operating revenue to \$68,669, as compared with \$383,455 in 1914.

29.—Operating Mileage of Express Companies in Canada, 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915.

	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
By routes over—				
Steam Roads.....	26,855.30	29,476.62	33,551.13	35,572.73
Electric lines.....	278.61	212.61	212.61	254.41
Steamboat lines.....	3,161.50	2,743.50	2,770.00	2,706.00
Stage lines.....	146.91	122.00	112.00	75.00
Miscellaneous.....	3.25	2.75	2.75	2.75
Totals.....	30,445.57	32,557.48	36,648.49	38,610.89
By Provinces—				
Prince Edward Island.....	213.10	558.90	483.80	568.80
Nova Scotia.....	1,339.13	1,464.19	1,483.19	1,438.98
New Brunswick.....	1,378.41	2,103.28	2,086.08	2,043.86
Quebec.....	3,914.69	4,686.68	4,623.28	4,655.93
Ontario.....	10,245.97	10,333.56	11,080.05	10,519.90
Manitoba.....	3,608.15	3,598.71	3,936.51	4,161.01
Saskatchewan.....	3,698.20	4,174.36	5,597.26	5,845.96
Alberta.....	1,750.04	1,879.50	2,807.00	3,405.80
British Columbia.....	3,395.68	2,941.10	3,477.10	4,866.43
Yukon.....	601.48	692.70	692.70	692.70
Foreign.....	300.72	124.50	381.52	411.52
Totals.....	30,445.57	32,557.48	36,648.49	38,610.89
By Companies—				
American Express Co.....	1,290.43	1,175.09	1,127.99	1,290.29
British America Express Co.....	-	89.00	368.59	414.04
Canadian Express Co.....	7,406.31	6,926.51	9,419.51	10,249.13
Canadian Northern Express Co.....	5,255.49	5,762.25	6,343.21	6,589.25
Dominion Express Co.....	14,604.88	16,765.73	17,168.77	18,421.43
Great Northern Express Co.....	661.86	672.76	672.76	710.39
United States Express Co.....	224.84	224.84	224.84	-
Wells Fargo & Co.....	921.60	941.30	941.30	936.36
National Express Co.....	80.16	-	-	-
Totals.....	30,445.57	32,557.48	36,266.97	38,610.89

NOTE.—In addition to the above mileage, outside operations in 1914 covered 16,811 miles, chiefly in connection with ocean-going steamers.

* The total unavoidably omits 381.52 miles, attaching to operations outside of Canada.