

EXPRESS COMPANIES.

There are five distinctly Canadian express companies, viz., the Canadian Express Co., the Canadian Northern Express Co., the Central Canada, 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 five Canadian companies on June 30, 1917, stood at \$4,898,200. The total operating mileage of all nine express companies in Canada for the year ended June 30, 1917, was 43,069, as compared with 41,994 in 1916. The gross operating receipts were \$16,836,374, compared with \$12,860,629 in 1916, an increase of \$3,975,745. A deduction of \$8,052,606 for express privileges, that is, the amount paid to railways, steamboat and stage lines for the carrying of express matter, leaves \$8,783,768 as the operating revenue for the year. Operating expenses amounted to \$7,687,656, as compared with \$5,794,517 in 1916, and the net operating revenue to \$1,096,112, as compared with \$919,713 in 1916.

27.—Operating Mileage of Express Companies in Canada, 1914-1917.

Routes and Provinces.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
By routes over—				
Steam roads.....	33,551.13	35,572.73	38,538.91	39,568.20
Electric lines.....	212.61	254.41	338.70	369.70
Steamboat lines.....	2,770.00	2,706.00	3,055.00	3,091.00
Stage lines.....	112.00	75.00	59.00	17.00
Miscellaneous.....	2.75	2.75	2.75	22.75
Totals.....	36,648.49	38,610.89	41,994.36	43,068.65
By Provinces—				
Prince Edward Island.....	483.80	568.80	569.20	569.20
Nova Scotia.....	1,483.19	1,438.98	1,509.55	1,509.55
New Brunswick.....	2,086.08	2,043.86	2,015.26	2,015.26
Quebec.....	4,623.28	4,655.93	5,980.87	6,007.91
Ontario.....	11,080.05	10,519.90	11,135.74	11,170.37
Manitoba.....	3,936.51	4,161.01	4,321.46	4,329.06
Saskatchewan.....	5,597.26	5,845.96	5,993.30	6,006.50
Alberta.....	2,807.00	3,405.80	3,704.40	4,561.10
British Columbia.....	3,477.10	4,866.43	5,660.36	5,841.18
Yukon.....	692.70	692.70	692.70	647.00
Foreign.....	381.52	411.52	411.52	411.52
Totals.....	36,648.49	38,610.89	41,994.36	43,068.65