

Goods are sent by express for quick transit, so that express rates do not generally compete with freight rates. The Dominion Express Company, in pursuance of its contract with the Canadian Pacific Railway, gave, in its first tariff, a rate of two and one-half times the maximum first-class railway freight rate for the same goods carried the same distance. The majority of the contracts between express and railway companies for carrying express freight are on the basis of a percentage of the gross express revenue and the rates paid by the shipper are subject to the approval of the Board of Transport Commissioners. All express companies are organized under powers conferred by Federal Government legislation and their business consists in the expeditious shipment of valuable live stock and such perishable commodities as fresh fish, fruit, etc., the forwarding of parcels, and the issue of money orders, travellers cheques, letters of credit and other forms of financial paper.

Express Company Operations.—Four express organizations operate in Canada — three Canadian and one American. The Canadian Pacific Express Company, formerly the Dominion Express Company, is a subsidiary of the Canadian Pacific Railway and handles the express business on the railways and the inland and ocean steamship lines of the parent company. The express business of the Canadian National and Northern Alberta Railways is handled by departments of the respective railways. The Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, operates over the Canadian sections of United States railways and over the route from Skagway, Alaska, to points in Yukon Territory. No statistics are available on the volume of traffic carried by express because much of the traffic consists of parcels and small lots that would make statistical classification and measurement very difficult.

20.—Mileages operated by, and Revenue and Expenditure of, Express Companies, 1944-53

NOTE.—Figures for 1911-43 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1927-28 edition.

Year or Company	Mileages Operated ¹	Gross Earnings	Operating Expenditure	Express Privileges ²	Net Operating Revenue
	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$
1944.....	50,668	34,357,760	18,856,659	15,301,512	199,589
1945.....	50,938	37,171,862	20,040,339	16,711,647	419,876
1946.....	51,365	39,260,553	22,670,616	16,841,229	Dr. 251,292
1947.....	51,341	42,314,758	25,770,190	17,650,061	Dr. 1,105,493
1948.....	51,840	46,809,112	30,398,053	18,785,988	Dr. 2,374,929
1949.....	54,806	51,966,290	32,385,223	21,226,817	Dr. 1,645,750
1950.....	55,581	52,017,492	32,881,689	21,355,956	Dr. 2,220,153
1951.....	57,355	60,423,503	38,374,128	21,037,164	1,012,211
1952.....	57,335	70,185,114	44,744,018	24,428,739	1,012,357
1953					
Canadian National Express.....	30,077	38,692,427	26,620,299	11,414,666	657,462
Canadian Pacific Express.....	21,544	33,307,083	21,836,070	11,056,090	414,923
Northern Alberta Railways.....	928	680,844	315,617	307,638	57,589
Railway Express Agency, Inc....	3,256	1,616,594	797,856	806,412	12,326
Totals, 1953.....	55,805	74,296,948	49,569,842	23,584,806	1,142,300

¹ Over railways, boat lines and motor-carrier and aircraft routes.

² Amounts paid by express companies to the carriers, i.e., railways, steamship lines, etc., for transporting express matter.