

in the eventual success of the publicly-owned company proved to be justified.

In five years, Sir Henry's policies succeeded in vitalizing and integrating the system, giving it a reputation for efficient service and showing its capacity to produce a substantial net revenue. That period witnessed other noteworthy accomplishments. CN pioneered radio broadcasting in Canada and developed and operated the first diesel locomotive to be put into service in North America.

The company started a West Indies passenger-steamship service, built Jasper Park Lodge — a summer resort hotel — and a cross-country chain of year-round hotels, and laid out the first plans for a Montreal terminal development.

CN survived the financial and business crises of the Depression and went on to provide outstanding service during the Second World War.

CN Today

Although the main business of CN is the transportation of bulk freight by rail, its activities also include trucking and express, ferry services, telecommunications, hotel operations, real-estate developments and consulting services.

Today the company comprises six operating divisions, each responsible for its own profitableness. These are: CN Rail; CN Trucking and Express; CN Telecommunications; CN Marine; CN Passenger Services; CN Hotels; the CN Tower in Toronto; and the Grand Trunk Corporation (U.S. operations).

CN Rail

The largest of the operating divisions, CN Rail, provides rail-freight services in Canada, as well as operating and maintaining all rail services for passenger and express services.

The company operates more than 35,000 miles of track, including lines into the industrial heartland of the United States. The annual volume of freight moved along these lines is some 110 million tons.