

342. The postal expenditure in Ontario, it will be seen, has been more nearly on a par with revenue than in any other of the Provinces, being, in 1885, only 6 cents per head in excess. In Quebec it was 12 cents in excess, in Nova Scotia 22 cents, in New Brunswick 33 cents, and in Prince Edward Island it was 21 cents. This Province was the only one that showed both an increase of revenue and a decrease in expenditure in the past year, the increase being \$494 and the decrease \$4,883. The excess of expenditure per head was greatest in British Columbia, viz., 49 cents. The basis as well of the revenue as of the expenditure of the postal service is shifting.

343. The following are statements of the number of registered letters and dead letters in each year, with particulars of their disposal, since 1879:—

REGISTERED Letters, 1868 to 1885.

Year ended 30th June.	Estimated Number of Registered Letters.	Number per Head.	Failed to reach Destina- tion.	Sent to Dead Letter Office.	How Disposed of.				
					Deliver- ed to Address	Return- ed to Writers or Offices of Origin.	Remain- ing in Office or with Postmas- ter for delivery.	Failed of delivery and found to contain no value	Lost in trans- mission.
1868.....	704,700	0·21	58						
1869.....	850,000	0·24	41						
1870.....	1,000,000	0·29	50						
1871.....	1,100,000	0·31	115						
1872.....	1,277,000	0·35	38	2,500					
1873.....	1,377,000	0·37	30	3,089					
1874.....	1,562,000	0·41	100	3,557					
1875.....	1,750,000	0·45	52	3,270					
1876.....	1,774,000	0·45	54	3,856					
1877.....	1,842,000	0·46	64	5,888					
1878.....	1,980,000	0·49	65	6,767					
1879.....	1,940,000	0·47	57	9,682	477	7,810	98	1,295	2
1880.....	2,040,000	0·48	70	9,132	364	7,695	93	980
1881.....	2,253,000	0·52	29	10,216	755	8,825	95	541
1882.....	2,450,000	0·55	113	9,182	616	8,138	93	333	2
1883.....	2,650,000	0·59	148	10,706	1,004	9,125	146	431
1884.....	3,000,000	0·65	105	12,948	4,025	8,192	220	511
1885.....	3,060,000	0·65	229	16,340	4,277	11,072	246	745