

349. Considering the large increase in the quantity of mail matter, the number of letters, books, parcels, &c., sent to the Dead Letter Office, has very considerably decreased; in 1868, the proportion was one in every 118, and in 1885, one in every 196, a satisfactory illustration of the increased efficiency of the service.

350. There were 515 money order offices in Canada, in connection with the Post Office, in 1868, which number had increased to 885 in 1885.

351. The following statement shows the general operations of the money order system, year by year, from 1st July, 1867, to 30th June, 1885. It will be seen that there has been a steady and satisfactory increase.

OPERATIONS of the Money Order System, 1868 to 1885.

Year ended 30th June.	Number of Offices.	Number of Orders Issued.	Amount of Orders Issued.	Amount of Orders Issued in other Countries, Payable in Canada.	Losses Sustained.
			\$	\$	\$
1868.....	515	90,163	3,352,881	90,579	2,355
1869.....	550	96,627	3,563,645	100,823	3,170
1870.....	558	110,021	3,910,250	117,914	1,585
1871.....	571	120,521	4,546,434	126,694
1872.....	634	136,422	5,154,120	147,230	478
1873.....	644	161,096	6,239,506	160,695	2,037
1874.....	662	179,851	6,757,427	177,502	118
1875.....	687	181,091	6,711,539	181,091	797
1876.....	736	238,668	6,866,618	359,314	4,239
1877.....	754	253,962	6,856,821	408,286	6,166
1878.....	769	269,417	7,130,895	458,745	657
1879.....	772	281,725	6,788,723	505,833	147
1880.....	775	306,088	7,207,337	698,651	286
1881.....	786	338,238	7,725,212	1,002,735	209
1882.....	806	372,248	8,354,153	1,194,029	110
1883.....	826	419,613	9,490,900	1,236,275	59
1884.....	866	463,502	10,067,834	1,262,867	882
1885.....	885	499,243	10,384,211	1,185,751	4,626

352. The average amount of each order, issued in 1868, was \$37.18, and in 1885, \$20.79.