

Expenditure
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in Mani-
toba, &c.

374. As would naturally be expected, the expenditure in proportion to revenue and population is much the heaviest in Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia, while in Ontario the revenue and expenditure most nearly equalize. No comparison, however, of any great value can be made from the above figures, as the basis of both revenue and expenditure in all the Provinces is shifting.

Number
of register-
ed letters
—1867-1886.

375. The following are statements of the number of registered letters in each year since 1868, with particulars of their disposal since 1879:—

REGISTERED LETTERS IN CANADA, 1868 TO 1886.

YEAR.	Estimated Number of Registered Letters.	Num- ber per Head.	Failed to reach Desti- nation	Sent to Dead Letter Office.	HOW DISPOSED OF.			
					Deliver- ed to Address	Returned to Writers or Offices of origin.	Remain- ing in Office or with Post- master for delivery.	Failed of delivery and found to contain no value.
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
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
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
1886	3,400,000	0·71	160	17,856	3,878	13,963	119	896