

Decrease  
in number  
of dead  
letters.

378. There was a decrease in the number of dead letters of 33,621, being the first time there has been a decrease for several years. It is probable that this is accidental, and not due to any permanent cause. In 1868 the proportion of letters sent to the Dead Letter Office was 1 in every 118; in 1886 it was 1 in 216. The number of dead letters received in the United States was 5,023,745, being in the proportion of 1 in every 327 sent, a rather more favourable proportion than in this country.

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the money  
order  
system—  
1867-1886.

379. The following statement shows the general operations of the money order system, year by year, from 1st July, 1867, to 30th June, 1886. It will be seen that there has been a steady and satisfactory increase:—

OPERATIONS OF THE MONEY ORDER SYSTEM IN CANADA,  
1868 TO 1886.

| YEAR ENDED 30TH<br>JUNE, | Number<br>of<br>Offices. | Number<br>of Orders<br>Issued. | Amount<br>of Orders<br>Issued. | Amount of<br>Orders<br>issued in<br>other<br>Countries,<br>payable<br>in Canada. | Losses<br>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  | 4,295                |
| 1886 .....               | 910                      | 529,458                        | 10,231,189                     | 1,245,957  | 25                   |