Territories in which there was an apparent decrease of more than two letters per head, though the actual number of letters sent was larger. This is owing to the census population used in the calculation in 1887 being less than the estimated population used in former years. The increases in the other Provinces were small, in no case amounting to as much as one letter per head. The largest number of letters both numerically and proportionately were sent in Ontario, and with the exception of Prince Edward Island fewer letters were sent proportionately in Quebec than anywhere else. The above figures however, are, as will readily be seen, only estimated on averages, and can only be taken as giving a very approximate idea of the distribution of correspondence in this country.

Postal revenue and expenditure 1867-1887.   340. The following table gives the postal revenue and expenditure for every year, since Confederation, and the proportion each year per head of population :—

POSTAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF CANADA FROM
1868 TO 1887.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE,	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Expenditure in excess of Revenue.	AMOUNT PER HEAD.	
				Revenue.	Expenditure.
	$	$	$	$ cts.	$ cts.
1868............................	1,024,710	1,053,570	28,859	0 30	0 31
1869............................	973,056	1,079,828	106,772	0 29	0 32
1870............................	1,010,767	1,155,261	144,493	0 29	0 33
1871............................	1,079,767	1,271,006	191,238	0 31	0 36
1872............................	1,193,062	1,369,163	176,100	0 33	0 38
1873............................	1,406,984	1,553,604	146,619	0 38	0 42
1874............................	1,476,207	1,695,480	219,272	0 39	0 44
1875............................	1,536,509	1,873,241	336,731	0 40	0 48
1876............................	1,484,886	1,959,758	474,871	0 38	0 50
1877............................	1,501,134	2,075,618	574,483	0 37	0 52
1878............................	1,620,022	2,110,365	490,343	0 40	0 52
1879............................	1,534,363	2,167,266	632,902	0 37	0 52
1880............................	1,648,017	2,286,611	638,593	0 39	0 54
1881............................	1,767,953	2,333,189	565,236	0 41	0 54
1882............................	2,022,098	2,459,356	437,258	0 46	0 56
1883............................	2,264,384	2,687,394	423,009	0 50	0 59
1884............................	2,330,741	2,931,387	600,646	0 51	0 64
1885............................	2,400,062	3,097,882	697,820	0 51	0 66
1886............................	2,469,379	3,380,429	911,050	0 51	0 70
1887............................	2,603,255	3,45⁚,100	854,845	0 53	0 71