

realized from this source in 1887, an increase of \$157,509 over 1883. The total number issued to postmasters during the year was 118,349,660.

346. The increase in expenditure in consequence of increased mail service was principally—

Mail service.....	\$150,127
Salaries. ....	150,103
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	\$300,230
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Increase  
in expen-  
diture.

347. The system of free delivery of letters by carriers in the principal cities was commenced in 1875, and it was estimated that the total number delivered in this manner in 1887 was: letters, 27,489,124, and newspapers, 9,514,164. The number of carriers employed was 269.

Free  
delivery.

348. The next table gives the postal revenue and expenditure in each Province, since 1883:—

Postal  
revenue  
and ex-  
penditure  
by Prov-  
inces 1867-  
1887.