

diture was paid out in that Province. There was a decrease in the excess of expenditure over revenue in all the Provinces, with the exception of British Columbia, Manitoba and the Territories, and as would naturally be expected, the expenditure in the last named places was in proportion to revenue and population much heavier than elsewhere. The revenue and expenditure in Ontario more nearly equalize than anywhere else, and this Province will soon make its postal service pay for itself.

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

Number of registered letters 1867-1887.

REGISTERED LETTERS IN CANADA, 1868 TO 1887.

YEAR.	Estimated Number of Registered Letters.	Number per Head.	Failed to reach Destination	Sent to Dead Letter Office.	HOW DISPOSED OF.			
					Delivered to Address	Returned to Writers or Offices of origin.	Remaining in Office or with Postmaster for delivery.	Failed of delivery and found to contain no value.
1868....	704,700	0.21	58					
1869....	805,000	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	960
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
1887....	3,560,000	0.73	166	21,612	4,833	15,525	122	1,132