

Province there was a fractional decrease. The figures for each Province are only estimated on averages, and therefore can only be considered as approximate. As a general rule they may be taken as being under the mark, the figures for British Columbia in 1889 being an instance, it being probable, in view of the progress and development of the Province, that the increase in the number of letters was larger than that stated above. There was the large increase of 3 letters per head in Quebec, which places it third in the list, instead of, as in former years, last but one. Ontario, Manitoba and the Territorie shave the largest correspondence.

311. The following table gives the gross postal revenue and expenditure for every year since Confederation, and the proportion each year per head of population :—

Postal revenue and expenditure, 1868-1889.

POSTAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF CANADA FROM 1868 TO 1889.

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	3,458,100	854,845	0 53	0 71
1888	2,751,139	3,533,397	782,258	0 55	0 71
1889	2,984,222	3,746,040	761,817	0 58	0 73