

expenditure was paid out in that Province, being slightly smaller proportions than in preceding years. There was an increase of revenue in every Province with the exception of Prince Edward Island, where there was a decrease of \$11, but there was also a considerable increase in excess of expenditure over revenue, except in Ontario, and Manitoba and the North-West Territories. In the latter districts, in proportion to population both revenue and expenditure were greater than elsewhere. At the present rate of progress it is probable that the revenue in Ontario will soon exceed the expenditure, and the postal system in that Province become self-sustaining.

319. 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, 1868-1889.

REGISTERED LETTERS IN CANADA, 1868 TO 1889.

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 Post-master for delivery.	Failed of delivery and found to contain 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	2,560				
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	980
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
1888	3,580,000	0.72	197	19,618	6,345	11,788	664	821
1889	3,649,000	0.72	243	23,091	*	20,933	847	1,311

*Included in letters returned to writers or offices of origin.