

Decease in average amount of orders. 324. There was an increase in the number of orders sent of 42,845, and there was also an increase in the amount sent of 349,302, but the average value of each order has been still further reduced. In 1868 it was \$37.18; in 1885, \$20.79; in 1886, \$19.32; in 1887, \$17.96; in 1888, \$17.30, and in 1889, \$16.72. It may be argued from this, that as the country progresses and banking facilities increase for the business and wealthier classes, the money order system is used principally by the working classes, who keep no banking accounts; and the large increase in the volume of business done may be taken as an indication of the improved condition of the people.

Number of money order offices by Provinces. 325. The number of money order offices in operation increased by 11. They are distributed among the Provinces in the following order:—

Ontario	524	British Columbia	26
Quebec	160	Manitoba	23
Nova Scotia	136	The Territories	20
New Brunswick	94	Prince Edward Island	10

Revenue. 326. The revenue from fees, profit on exchange, &c., amounted to \$95,147, but under the new system of keeping the accounts, no details of expenditure are available.

Orders payable in Canada & elsewhere. 327. Of the total amount of orders issued in Canada, \$8,692,419 were payable in Canada and \$2,573,501 were payable in other countries, being an increase in each case of \$171,643 and 177,659, respectively; and of the total transactions with other countries \$2,573,501 were sent out of the country and \$1,756,945 came in.

Money order business with other countries, 1868-1889. 328. The next table shows the money order transactions between the Dominion and other countries since Confederation.