

in revenue in each Province and a decrease of expenditure only in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. In proportion to population the revenue was highest in Ontario and Manitoba and the Territories, while the expenditure per inhabitant was highest in British Columbia and the North-West, a fact which is easily understood when the large areas and comparatively scanty populations are considered. It is hoped that the postal system will soon become self-sustaining in some of the older Provinces.

326. 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, 1868-1890.

REGISTERED LETTERS IN CANADA, 1868 TO 1890.

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.	Remain- ing in Office or with Post- master 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	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
1890.	3,280,000	0·70	149	19,994		13,171	1,109	5,714

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