

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LETTERS AND POST CARDS, BY PROVINCES, 1888 TO 1892—*Concluded.*

PROVINCES.	Year ended 30th June.	Number of Post Offices.	ESTIMATED NUMBER SENT.				
			Register'd Letters.	Free Letters.	Total Letters Posted.	Post Cards.	No. of Letters per Head.
P. E. Island.	1888	304	30,000	30,000	1,050,000	106,000	9·63
	1889	315	37,000	29,000	1,114,000	143,000	10·21
	1890	320	32,000	28,000	1,100,000	145,000	10·08
	1891	324	32,000	29,000	1,125,000	150,000	10·31
	1892	339	31,700	36,000	1,200,000	170,000	11·00
B. Columbia.	1888	129	75,000	90,000	1,900,000	120,000	24·34
	1889	144	65,000	76,000	2,126,000	131,000	25·58
	1890	151	70,000	75,000	2,200,000	135,000	24·85
	1891	167	82,000	72,000	2,450,000	175,000	25·99
	1892	187	95,000	88,000	3,100,000	225,000	30·88
Manitoba, Keewatin & North-west Territories.	1888	484	272,000	127,000	4,500,000	460,000	20·72
	1889	501	295,000	149,000	5,210,000	520,000	22·67
	1890	523	245,000	157,000	5,400,000	530,000	22·18
	1891	571	280,000	150,000	5,900,000	660,000	22·87
	1892	612	278,000	180,000	6,800,000	720,000	24·86

397. The number of letters per head increased in every province, with the exception of the province of Quebec, but the figures being only estimated on averages, cannot be considered as anything but approximate, and are, probably, generally under the mark, as the present system of enumeration is not calculated to do full justice to the correspondence of the country. British Columbia and Ontario have the largest correspondence in proportion to population, Manitoba and the Territories coming next, while the proportion is lowest in Prince Edward Island and Quebec.

398. 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, 1868-1892.