

1148. There was an increase in the number of orders sent of 47,870, and there was also an increase in the amount sent of \$77,275, 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 ; in 1889, \$16.72 ; in 1890, \$15.37 ; in 1891, \$14.58 ; in 1892, \$13.94, and in 1893, \$13.33. It may be argued from this, that as the country progresses, the business and wealthier classes avail themselves of the increase in banking facilities, while the money order system is used principally by the working classes, who keep no banking accounts,

1149. There was an increase of 48 in the number of money order offices in operation. They are distributed among the provinces in the following order :—

Ontario..	593	Manitoba....	51
Quebec..	179	British Columbia... . .	42
Nova Scotia....	158	The Territories.. . . .	31
New Brunswick.. . . .	100	Prince Edward Island.	14

1150. The revenue from fees, profit on exchange, &c., amounted to \$103,927 ; but under the new system of keeping the accounts no details of expenditure are available.

1151. Of the total amount of orders issued in Canada, \$10,404,857 were payable in Canada, and \$2,498,118 were payable in other countries, being an increase of \$194,758, and a decrease of \$117,498, respectively ; and of the total transactions with other countries, \$2,498,118 were sent out of the country, and \$2,269,635 came in.