

OPERATIONS OF THE MONEY ORDER SYSTEM IN CANADA, 1868 TO 1893.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Number of Offices.	Number of Orders Issued.	Amount of Orders Issued.	Amount of Orders issued in other Countries, payable in Canada.	Losses sustained.
			\$	\$	\$
1868.....	515	90,163	3,352,881	80,579	2,355
1869.....	550	96,627	3,563,645	100,823	3,170
1870.....	558	110,021	3,910,250	117,914	1,585
1871.....	571	120,521	4,546,434	126,694
1872.....	634	136,422	5,154,120	147,230	478
1873.....	644	161,096	6,239,506	160,695	2,037
1874.....	662	179,851	6,757,427	177,502	119
1875.....	687	181,091	6,711,539	181,091	797
1876.....	736	238,668	6,866,618	359,314	4,239
1877.....	754	253,962	6,856,821	408,296	6,166
1878.....	769	269,417	7,130,895	458,745	657
1879.....	772	281,725	6,788,723	505,823	147
1880.....	775	306,088	7,207,337	698,651	286
1881.....	788	338,238	7,725,212	1,002,735	161
1882.....	806	372,248	8,354,153	1,194,029	111
1883.....	826	419,613	9,490,900	1,236,275	59
1884.....	866	463,502	10,067,834	1,262,867	883
1885.....	885	499,243	10,384,211	1,185,751	4,296
1886.....	910	529,458	10,231,189	1,245,957	25
1887.....	933	574,899	10,328,984	1,495,674	1,179
1888.....	944	630,968	10,916,618	1,726,011	3,113
1889.....	990	673,813	11,265,920	1,756,945	*
1890.....	1,027	780,503	11,997,862	1,851,059	*
1891.....	1,080	855,619	12,478,178	1,984,360	*
1892.....	1,120	919,996	12,825,701	2,077,887	*
1893.....	1,168	967,866	12,902,976	2,268,635	*
1894.....	1,193	1,052,410	13,245,990	2,224,343	*

*No returns available.

There was an increase in the number of orders sent of 84,544, and there was also an increase in the amount sent of \$343,014, 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; in 1893, \$13.33, and in 1894, \$12.58. 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.

1333. There was an increase of 25 in the number of money order offices in operation. They are distributed among the provinces in the following order:—

Ontario.....	604	Manitoba.....	55
Quebec.....	183	British Columbia.....	43
Nova Scotia.....	161	The Territories.....	34
New Brunswick.....	99	Prince Edward Island...	14