

1138. 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 OF CANADA FROM 1868 TO 1895.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Revenue.	Expendi- ture.	Expenditure in excess of Revenue.	AMOUNT PER HEAD.	
				Rev- enue.	Ex- pendi- ture.
	\$	\$	\$	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
1868.....	1,024,710	1,053,570	28,859	0 30	0 31
1869.....	973,056	1,079,828	106,772	0 29	0 32
1870.....	1,010,767	1,155,261	144,493	0 29	0 33
1871.....	1,079,767	1,271,006	191,238	0 31	0 36
1872.....	1,193,062	1,369,163	176,100	0 33	0 38
1873.....	1,406,984	1,553,604	146,619	0 38	0 42
1874.....	1,476,207	1,695,480	219,272	0 39	0 44
1875.....	1,536,509	1,873,241	336,731	0 40	0 48
1876.....	1,484,886	1,959,758	474,871	0 38	0 50
1877.....	1,501,134	2,075,618	574,483	0 37	0 52
1878.....	1,620,022	2,110,365	490,343	0 40	0 52
1879.....	1,534,363	2,167,266	632,902	0 37	0 52
1880.....	1,648,017	2,286,611	638,593	0 39	0 54
1881.....	1,767,953	2,333,189	565,236	0 41	0 54
1882.....	2,022,098	2,459,356	437,258	0 46	0 56
1883.....	2,264,384	2,687,394	423,009	0 51	0 61
1884.....	2,330,741	2,931,387	600,646	0 52	0 65
1885.....	2,400,062	3,097,882	697,820	0 53	0 68
1886.....	2,469,379	3,380,429	911,050	0 54	0 74
1887.....	2,603,255	3,458,100	854,845	0 56	0 75
1888.....	2,751,139	3,533,397	782,258	0 59	0 75
1889.....	2,984,222	3,746,040	761,817	0 63	0 79
1890.....	3,223,615	3,940,696	717,081	0 67	0 82
1891.....	3,374,888	4,020,740	645,852	0 70	0 83
1892.....	3,542,611	4,205,985	663,374	0 72	0 86
1893.....	3,696,062	4,343,758	647,696	0 74	0 88
1894.....	3,734,418	4,442,339	707,921	0 74	0 88
1895.....	3,815,456	4,616,313	800,857	0 75	0 91

The expenditure has exceeded the revenue continuously during the last twenty-eight years, but the excess of expenditure has been decreasing during recent years, with the exception of 1894 and 1895, when there was an increase of \$60,225 and \$92,936 respectively. The revenue, which has been steadily increasing for several years showed a further increase of \$81,038. It is estimated that the annual loss through the free transmission of newspapers cannot be less than \$100,000. Making certain deductions from revenue, the net revenue for 1895 shows a decrease of \$16,551 over that of 1894.

1139. The number of stamps, post bands, letter cards, post cards, &c., issued to postmasters during the year was 164,186,900, as compared with 160,796,100 in 1894, being an increase of 3,390,800, and almost the whole postal revenue is derived from this source, the amount received from the sale of stamps, post cards, letter cards, &c., in 1895 having been \$3,625,814.