

There was an increase of 39 in the number of money order offices in operation. They are distributed among the provinces in the following order:—

Ontario.....	654	Manitoba.....	68
Quebec.....	225	British Columbia.....	58
Nova Scotia.....	174	The Territories.....	45
New Brunswick.....	110	Prince Edward Island.....	15

Number of money orders issued in each province, 1896 and 1897:

	1896.	1897.
Ontario.....	635,810	653,724
Quebec.....	125,154	127,095
Nova Scotia.....	118,909	118,035
New Brunswick.....	67,355	68,203
Manitoba.....	67,324	66,866
British Columbia.....	69,292	77,991
Prince Edward Island.....	9,643	9,431
The Territories.....	37,665	40,864
Canada.....	1,131,152	1,162,209

The commissions received on money orders issued during the year 1897 amounted to \$105,333.

MONEY ORDER TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN THE DOMINION AND OTHER COUNTRIES, 1868 TO 1897.

YEAR.	UNITED KINGDOM.		UNITED STATES.		NEWFOUNDLAND.		OTHER COUNTRIES.	
	Amount of Orders.		Amount of Orders.		Amount of Orders.		Amount of Orders.	
	Issued in Canada.	Payable in Canada.	Issued in Canada.	Payable in Canada.	Issued in Canada.	Payable in Canada.	Issued in Canada.	Payable in Canada.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1868..	389,796	87,437			3,321	3,142		
1869..	367,092	94,308			3,246	6,514		
1870..	415,393	110,585			5,246	7,328		
1871..	474,376	121,644			4,321	5,049		
1872..	577,443	142,301			3,656	4,928		
1873..	665,407	156,888			4,799	3,807		
1874..	661,501	171,487			5,753	6,014		
1875..	572,246	174,160			7,197	6,930		
1876..	491,363	194,680	212,135	156,134	5,305	8,499		
1877..	409,474	188,116	276,821	207,389	5,699	12,280		
1878..	383,808	189,082	328,264	246,586	6,245	23,076		
1879..	361,940	176,067	335,200	308,256	5,061	21,509		
1880..	397,589	181,561	420,966	494,637	3,570	22,452		
1881..	430,686	175,461	610,094	807,372	4,883	19,901		
1882..	550,150	170,304	781,167	1,003,079	4,309	20,644		
1883..	827,200	196,467	1,023,548	1,015,358	5,413	24,448		
1884..	862,822	257,738	1,190,852	959,691	5,291	29,150	36,946	16,285
1885..	769,679	299,563	1,288,245	820,046	6,652	37,863	65,631	28,278
1886..	753,743	294,484	1,232,000	861,347	6,467	40,092	92,883	50,079
1887..	837,146	304,115	1,262,382	1,096,363	11,997	42,114	123,118	53,081
1888..	958,001	328,674	1,297,734	1,283,094	22,177	51,482	117,930	62,761
1889..	1,033,331	364,657	1,391,743	1,261,103	24,055	63,814	124,372	67,370
1890..	1,000,460	383,263	1,471,946	1,332,196	26,942	73,555	139,079	62,044
1891..	975,378	381,452	1,469,819	1,465,904	28,265	73,545	150,664	63,162
1892..	937,679	393,289	1,478,102	1,515,212	22,247	88,124	177,566	67,730
1893..	845,930	412,588	1,461,304	1,645,140	21,949	127,389	168,929	84,510
1894..	909,273	458,703	1,634,750	1,451,817	19,208	220,234	195,478	93,588
1895..	818,384	487,912	1,443,419	1,352,986	20,306	123,070	168,565	92,016
1896..	775,866	479,104	1,365,827	1,510,695	16,795	38,770	196,712	95,984
1897..	744,886	495,585	1,354,196	1,605,989	18,811	43,397	188,503	100,496