

Out of the above expenditure in 1897 and 1898 the following amounts were paid for mail subsidies :—

STATEMENT OF THE AMOUNTS OF MAIL SUBSIDIES PAID BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1898.

Mail Subsidies.	Amounts paid by Department of Trade and Commerce.
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Canada and Australia.....	121,667
Victoria and San Francisco.....	5,000
Canada and Great Britain.....	138,072
Halifax, Newfoundland and Liverpool.....	32,143
St. John, Halifax and London.....	25,000
St. John and London, direct.....	15,000
St. John and Glasgow.....	7,500
St. John, Dublin and Belfast.....	6,000
St. John and Halifax and West Indies and South America.....	78,000
St. John and Digby.....	12,500
St. John and Minas Basin Ports.....	3,000
St. John and Halifax via Yarmouth.....	7,000
Grand Manan and Mainland.....	4,000
Prince Edward Island and Mainland.....	10,000
Magdalen Islands and Mainland.....	8,600
Dalhousie and Gaspé Basin.....	12,292
Pictou and Cheticamp.....	2,000
Pictou, Murray Harbour, Georgetown, &c.....	1,200
Port Mulgrave, Arichat, Canso, &c.....	14,455
Baddeck, Grand Narrows, &c.....	6,870
Halifax and Newfoundland via Cape Breton.....	2,000
Newfoundland, Mail Special... ..	2,510
Quebec and Gaspé.....	1,964
Canada and Japan (By other Departments).....	73,000
Total for 1898.....	589,773
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The number of stamps, post bands, letter cards, post cards, &c., issued to postmasters during the year was 163,546,340, as compared with 171,706,450 in 1897, being a decrease of 8,160,110, 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 1898 having been \$4,240,744.