

POSTAL STATISTICS.

The Post Office Department reports an increase in the fiscal year 1916-17 of 1,737 miles in the system over which the mails are carried by railway, thus bringing the total actual track mileage for the carriage of mails to 35,100 on March 31, 1917. The total mileage of mail conveyance in the fiscal year 1917 was 63,668,294, of which 37,468,540 was by railway, 2,536,521 was by water, and 23,663,233 was by stage or road. The total represents a net increase in mileage, as compared with 1916, of 882,971, of which 330,976 was by railway, 323,986 was by road, and 228,009 was by water. The expenditure of the Department increased by \$291,440, and there was a surplus from the operations of the Service of \$4,601,805. At the end of the calendar year 1917 there were 4,106 rural mail delivery routes, on which were erected 191,820 boxes; the corresponding figures for the calendar year 1916 were 3,894 routes and 178,083 boxes.

68.—Revenue and Expenditure of the Post Office Department for quinquennial periods 1890-1910, and for the years 1911-17.

Fiscal Years.	Net revenue.	Expenditure.	Deficit.	Surplus.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1890.....	2,357,389	3,074,470	717,081	-
1895.....	2,792,790	3,593,647	800,857	-
1900.....	3,183,984	3,645,646	461,662	-
1905.....	5,125,373	4,634,528	-	490,845
1910.....	7,958,547	7,215,337	-	743,210
1911.....	9,146,952	7,954,223	-	1,192,729
1912.....	10,482,255	9,172,035	-	1,310,220
1913.....	12,060,476	10,882,805	-	1,177,671
1914.....	12,956,216	12,822,058	-	134,158
1915.....	13,046,650	15,961,191	2,914,541	-
1916.....	18,858,410	16,009,139	-	2,849,271
1917.....	20,902,384	16,300,579	-	4,601,805

69.—Mail Subsidies and Steamship Subventions, 1915-1917.

Service.	1915.	1916.	1917.
	\$	\$	\$
Canada and Cuba.....	-	2,000	-
Canada and Great Britain.....	645,899	421,276	402,762
Canada and South Africa.....	146,000	146,000	146,000
Canada and Australia or New Zealand or both on Pacific Ocean.....	173,566	180,509	180,509
Canada (Atlantic) and Australia and New Zealand.....	128,333	116,667	93,333
Canada and France.....	105,428	88,669	-
Canada, China and Japan.....	137,019	-	375,000
Canada and Newfoundland.....	62,670	54,233	58,514
Canada and Manchester, England.....	35,000	34,271	34,271
St. John and Glasgow.....	7,450	7,125	6,000
St. John, Dublin and Belfast.....	7,500	7,500	2,625
St. John, Halifax and London.....	30,354	18,750	18,750
St. John and Digby.....	20,000	20,000	20,000
St. John, Digby, Annapolis and Granville.....	2,000	2,000	1,875