

**International Postal Conference.**—An important epoch in the history of the Canadian Post Office began with the holding at Ottawa in December, 1922, of the first International Postal Conference between representatives of the United States and Canada. The development of postal reciprocity between the two countries dates from 1792, when the first postal arrangement between them was concluded. The years 1848, 1875, 1881 and 1888 mark the dates of later agreements regarding postal matters. The conference of 1922 dealt in detail with all important points in international postal relations and provided for increased facilities in the interchange of mail matter between the two countries.

**Rural Mail Delivery.**—A system of rural mail delivery was inaugurated in Canada on October 10, 1908, limited at that time to existing stage routes, persons residing on such routes being entitled to have mail boxes put up in which the mail carrier was to deposit mail matter and from which he was to collect mail matter and carry it to the post office. As a consequence of the public approval of this scheme, new regulations, taking effect on April 1, 1912, made all persons residing in rural districts along and contiguous to well-defined main thoroughfares of one mile and upwards eligible to receive their mail in this manner, while couriers of rural mail routes were also required to sell postage stamps and take applications for and accept money, money orders and postal notes. The result has been an increase in the number of rural routes from approximately 900 in 1912 to 3,777 in 1922, having 202,668 mail boxes as against approximately 25,000 in 1912. The establishment of these routes has been an important factor in the recent amelioration of the conditions of Canadian rural life.

**Statistics.**—Tables 81 to 83 show the number of post offices in operation in Canada in 1922, gross revenue in all offices collecting \$10,000 and upwards, and the revenue and expenditure of the department since 1890.

**81.—Number of Post Offices in Operation in the several Provinces of Canada, March 31, 1922.**

Provinces.	Post Offices			
	In Operation Mar. 31, 1921.	Established during Year.	Closed during Year.	In Operation Mar. 31, 1922.
Prince Edward Island.....	136	—	3	133
Nova Scotia.....	1,844	8	18	1,834
New Brunswick.....	1,134	4	5	1,133
Quebec.....	2,293	31	23	2,301
Ontario.....	2,582	35	40	2,577
Manitoba.....	798	13	9	802
Saskatchewan.....	1,416	24	34	1,406
Alberta.....	1,187	25	24	1,188
British Columbia.....	834	28	16	846
Yukon Territory.....	23	1	3	21
Northwest Territories.....	5	1	—	6
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>12,252</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>12,247</b>