

**Rural Mail Delivery.**—A system of rural mail delivery was inaugurated in Canada on Oct. 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 Apr. 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 3,787 in 1926, having 199,809 mail boxes as against approximately 25,000 in 1912. The establishment of these routes has been an important factor in the amelioration of the conditions of Canadian rural life.

**Statistics.**—Tables 79 to 81 show the number of post offices in operation in Canada in the last five years, the gross revenue in all offices collecting \$10,000 and upwards in 1926 and 1927, and the revenue and expenditure of the Department since 1890.

**79.—Number of Post Offices in Operation in the several Provinces of Canada, Mar. 31, 1923-1927.**

Provinces.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
Prince Edward Island.....	133	131	130	131	130
Nova Scotia.....	1,836	1,819	1,793	1,791	1,778
New Brunswick.....	1,139	1,131	1,126	1,119	1,113
Quebec.....	2,325	2,366	2,396	2,429	2,463
Ontario.....	2,577	2,597	2,588	2,613	2,614
Manitoba.....	803	816	813	818	817
Saskatchewan.....	1,403	1,408	1,414	1,433	1,428
Alberta.....	1,194	1,215	1,211	1,203	1,195
British Columbia.....	849	855	871	868	867
Yukon Territory.....	20	19	19	20	20
Northwest Territories.....	9	13	15	14	15
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>12,288</b>	<b>12,370</b>	<b>12,376</b>	<b>12,439</b>	<b>12,440</b>

**80.—Statistics of Gross Postal Revenue of Offices collecting \$10,000 and upwards, for the fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1926 and 1927.**

Name of Post Office.	1926.	1927.	Name of Post Office.	1926.	1927.
<b>F. E. Island.</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Nova Scotia—concluded.</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Charlottetown.....	61,683	56,278	Windsor.....	17,700	15,977
Summerside.....	19,514	18,252	Wolfville.....	13,127	11,279
<b>Total for Province.....</b>	<b>153,147</b>	<b>136,664</b>	Yarmouth.....	25,962	26,555
<b>Nova Scotia.</b>			<b>Total for Province.....</b>	<b>1,321,427</b>	<b>1,191,968</b>
Amherst.....	37,141	32,257	<b>New Brunswick.</b>		
Antigonish.....	14,497	12,438	Bathurst.....	12,394	11,137
Bridgewater.....	15,246	14,406	Campbellton.....	22,279	19,985
Dartmouth.....	12,777	11,828	Chatham.....	13,337	11,656
Glace Bay.....	15,891	14,964	Edmundston.....	12,473	11,825
Halifax.....	433,892	410,075	Fredericton.....	69,159	63,134
Kentville.....	19,097	16,448	Moncton.....	484,331	485,240
Lunenburg.....	12,198	10,385	Newcastle.....	12,394	10,805
New Glasgow.....	34,752	31,631	Saint John.....	277,140	245,503
North Sydney.....	18,473	15,539	St. Stephen.....	20,152	17,526
Pictou.....	13,178	11,698	Sackville.....	16,604	14,871
Springhill.....	11,346	10,873	Sussex.....	14,542	13,548
Sydney.....	65,203	60,611	Woodstock.....	19,976	18,137
Truro.....	55,049	49,556	<b>Total for Province.....</b>	<b>1,304,780</b>	<b>1,211,982</b>