

generally, making the rate in these cases 3 cents for the first ounce and 2 cents for each succeeding ounce.

The Post Office Department is administered by the Postmaster General. Besides the several administrative branches at Ottawa, the Dominion is divided into 15 districts, each in charge of a Superintendent of Postal Service. The Canadian system embraces a territory more extensive than that served by any other system, excepting those of United States and Russia, and the sparsity of population and the comparative lack of development make inevitable a peculiarly difficult and expensive service.

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 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 on rural mail routes were also required to sell postage stamps and take applications, and accept money, for money orders and postal notes. The result has been an increase in the number of rural routes from approximately 900 in 1912 to 4,329 in 1933, having 236,380 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 numbers of post offices in operation in Canada in the latest six years, the gross revenue in each office collecting \$10,000 and upwards in 1933 and 1934, and the net revenues and expenditures of the Department in various years since 1890.

*Revised as to financial transactions by H. E. Atwater, Financial Superintendent, Post Office Department.

79.—Numbers of Post Offices in Operation, by Provinces, Mar. 31, 1929-34.

Province.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
Prince Edward Island.....	127	126	125	116	114	115
Nova Scotia.....	1,770	1,762	1,751	1,673	1,629	1,600
New Brunswick.....	1,079	1,062	1,041	1,025	1,016	1,004
Quebec.....	2,528	2,519	2,516	2,451	2,446	2,450
Ontario.....	2,586	2,575	2,576	2,522	2,524	2,523
Manitoba.....	816	815	818	781	778	778
Saskatchewan.....	1,423	1,430	1,448	1,423	1,423	1,426
Alberta.....	1,189	1,191	1,224	1,200	1,215	1,213
British Columbia.....	876	892	890	905	892	889
Yukon.....	20	20	21	19	19	18
Northwest Territories.....	16	17	17	17	18	19
Totals.....	12,430	12,409	12,427	12,133	12,074	12,035