

served by any other system, except those of United States and Russia, and the relatively small population compared with the great distance to be covered makes inevitable a particularly difficult and relatively 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. The service was greatly extended by new regulations that took effect on Apr. 1, 1921. The result has been an increase in the number of rural routes from approximately 900 in 1912 to 4,814 in 1940 having 276,196 mail boxes as against approximately 25,000 in 1912.

Mail Transportation.—The conveyance of mail by land, water, and air entailed a total expenditure of \$15,899,780 during the fiscal year ended 1940. Railway carriage cost \$6,980,886, land transportation \$6,309,900, conveyance by steamship \$283,092, and conveyance by air \$2,325,902. These amounts were paid solely for services rendered as carriers. For details regarding air-mail services, see p. 645. Special subsidies are granted to assure the maintenance of certain steamship services. Since these subsidized services provide transportation for passengers and freight as well as mail, the subsidies are included with other expenditures on water transportation at pp. 595-596.

1.—Post Offices in Operation, by Provinces, as at Mar. 31, 1935-40

Province	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island.....	114	114	114	115	115	115
Nova Scotia.....	1,571	1,565	1,551	1,543	1,540	1,530
New Brunswick.....	1,000	1,002	1,009	1,023	1,026	1,024
Quebec.....	2,466	2,494	2,542	2,592	2,625	2,646
Ontario.....	2,540	2,559	2,589	2,623	2,640	2,655
Manitoba.....	788	788	794	798	806	813
Saskatchewan.....	1,433	1,460	1,482	1,501	1,515	1,530
Alberta.....	1,228	1,243	1,246	1,259	1,266	1,267
British Columbia.....	892	895	908	929	940	938
Yukon.....	18	18	18	18	18	16
Northwest Territories.....	19	18	19	20	23	23
Canada.....	12,069	12,156	12,272	12,421	12,514	12,557

2.—Gross Postal Revenues of Offices Collecting \$10,000 and Upwards, Fiscal Years 1939 and 1940

Province and Post Office	1939	1940	Province and Post Office	1939	1940
	\$	\$		\$	\$
P. E. Island			Nova Scotia—continued		
Charlottetown.....	84,350	87,701	Liverpool.....	16,300	16,063
Summerside.....	25,324	25,328	Lunenburg.....	14,009	14,109
Totals, P.E. Island....	179,863	184,351	New Glasgow.....	39,447	41,714
Nova Scotia			New Waterford.....	10,697	11,528
Amherst.....	38,427	38,441	North Sydney.....	16,585	17,373
Antigonish.....	19,433	20,226	Pictou.....	14,216	14,505
Bridgetown.....	10,329	10,337	Springhill.....	12,794	13,793
Bridgewater.....	19,859	20,361	Stellarton.....	10,960	11,671
Digby.....	12,372	12,264	Sydney.....	84,289	92,125
Glace Bay.....	19,839	20,580	Truro.....	61,348	63,178
Halifax.....	577,776	612,021	Windsor.....	19,683	19,578
Kentville.....	24,772	25,947	Wolfville.....	15,382	14,749
			Yarmouth.....	30,183	30,498
			Totals, Nova Scotia....	1,523,437	1,590,264