

Military Mails.—The Canadian Postal Corps was originally recruited from executives and personnel of the Canadian Post Office in 1939 and is serving all branches of the Armed Forces. The Base Post Office in the fiscal year 1942-43, despatched overseas the record volume of over 21,800,000 lb. of parcels, 534,000 lb. of letters and 1,597,000 lb. of news to the Fighting Services.

Members of the Armed Forces, including Auxiliary Services, overseas have been allowed free mailing on letters to Canada, special reduced rates have been granted on gift-parcels mailed to the Forces abroad (limit 11 lb.). Postal money remittances to them have been facilitated and a special method of handling to safeguard tobacco parcels has been introduced.

New facilities have been established to expedite correspondence to the Armed Forces. The Airgraph system—the letters on film that travel by air—is providing a fast and space-conserving method of communication. Airgraph messages are processed on rolls of micro-film that are flown to Britain, enlarged and delivered. Since this service was established, rates have been reduced for the benefit of the Armed Forces, and facilities extended to facilitate inter-civilian correspondence. Airgraph is now on a two-way basis between the United Kingdom and Canada.

The Armed Forces Air Letter—a combined blue lightweight letter and envelope—operating at the low postage rate of 10 cents, for corresponding with the Armed Forces overseas, is also proving a popular medium for speedy air correspondence.

Special arrangements are in effect for communication with prisoners of war, persons interned abroad, and civilians in enemy-occupied countries. "Air Letter Cards" and "Personal Postal Messages" may be obtained at any post office.

Free postage is allowed ordinary letters, postcards and parcels to prisoners of war and interned persons, air mail, however, being prepaid at rates applicable.

1.—Post Offices in Operation, by Provinces, as at Mar. 31, 1938-43

Province	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island.....	115	115	115	115	115	115
Nova Scotia.....	1,543	1,540	1,530	1,508	1,498	1,487
New Brunswick.....	1,023	1,026	1,024	1,020	1,007	1,001
Quebec.....	2,592	2,625	2,646	2,627	2,612	2,604
Ontario.....	2,623	2,640	2,655	2,639	2,618	2,597
Manitoba.....	798	806	813	810	802	799
Saskatchewan.....	1,501	1,515	1,530	1,528	1,505	1,499
Alberta.....	1,259	1,266	1,267	1,262	1,251	1,244
British Columbia.....	929	940	938	932	935	928
Yukon.....	18	18	16	15	16	16
Northwest Territories.....	20	23	23	21	22	23
Canada.....	12,421	12,514	12,557	12,477	12,381	12,313