

Economic Waste of Dead Letters.—In 1945 alone, over 724,000 domestic letters, and well over a million domestic postcards, circulars, parcels and other mailings reached the Dead Letter Office. The cash in the letters amounted to \$20,883. This, together with the cost of executive and clerical time used in preparing, handling and transporting of this mail, amounted to a very serious loss and might easily have been avoided if the rule of giving a return address on the envelope or wrapper had been better observed by the public.

Section 2.—Post Office Statistics

The conveyance of mail by land, water, and air entailed a total expenditure of \$27,314,031 during the fiscal year ended 1944; railway carriage cost \$8,167,167, land transportation \$8,423,526, conveyance by steamship \$2,707,976, and conveyance by air \$8,015,362. These amounts were paid solely for services rendered as carriers. 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 for mail, these subsidies are included with other expenditures on water transportation given at pp. 685-686.

1.—Post Offices in Operation, by Provinces, as at Mar. 31, 1940-45

Province or Territory	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island.....	115	115	115	115	114	114
Nova Scotia.....	1,530	1,508	1,498	1,487	1,475	1,475
New Brunswick.....	1,024	1,020	1,007	1,001	996	991
Quebec.....	2,646	2,627	2,612	2,604	2,601	2,594
Ontario.....	2,655	2,639	2,618	2,597	2,579	2,566
Manitoba.....	813	810	802	799	797	795
Saskatchewan.....	1,530	1,528	1,505	1,499	1,484	1,466
Alberta.....	1,267	1,262	1,251	1,244	1,229	1,216
British Columbia.....	938	932	935	928	921	914
Yukon.....	16	15	16	16	15	16
Northwest Territories.....	23	21	22	23	23	22
Canada.....	12,557	12,477	12,381	12,313	12,234	12,169

2.—Gross Postal Revenues of Offices Collecting \$10,000 and Upwards, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1944 and 1945

NOTE.—The post offices shown in this table do not include those established at military camps. Money order and postal note commissions are not included in the gross postal revenue. Provincial totals of postal revenues include post offices not separately listed.

Province and Post Office	1944	1945	Province and Post Office	1944	1945
P. E. Island	\$	\$	Nova Scotia—concluded	\$	\$
Charlottetown.....	146,089	151,301	Lunenburg.....	22,280	24,688
Summerside.....	55,543	50,107	Middleton.....	20,127	20,123
Totals, P. E. Island...	375,136	396,602	Mulgrave.....	11,162	9,167
Nova Scotia			New Glasgow.....	78,963	81,822
Amherst.....	69,439	75,258	New Waterford.....	26,514	27,252
Annapolis Royal.....	13,192	14,614	North Sydney.....	38,062	36,275
Antigonish.....	28,444	35,747	Parrsboro.....	11,026	11,534
Armada.....	12,404	16,334	Pictou.....	36,565	34,172
Bedford.....	10,282	11,117	Shelburne.....	31,973	27,515
Berwick.....	10,227	11,305	Springhill.....	26,404	28,079
Bridgetown.....	14,686	16,508	Stellarton.....	23,036	25,800
Bridgewater.....	31,427	33,451	Sydney.....	183,470	195,444
Digby.....	23,659	29,654	Sydney Mines.....	24,623	26,791
Glace Bay.....	59,443	65,984	Trenton.....	10,534	10,496
Halifax.....	1,237,257	1,327,791	Truro.....	120,457	119,642
Inverness.....	9,169	10,046	Westville.....	13,804	15,575
Kentville.....	45,391	51,125	Windsor.....	38,630	33,186
Kingston.....	21,476	15,466	Wolfville.....	21,590	24,151
Liverpool.....	27,137	30,748	Yarmouth.....	69,590	66,371
			Totals, Nova Scotia....	3,540,657	3,848,333