

Air-Mail.—The air-mail service was a development of the war years and, at first, was based on heavy mailings to and from members of the Armed Services at home and abroad. This service has now become readjusted to post-war traffic levels and its present position is shown in the following figures showing weight of mail conveyed by air:—

<i>Calendar Year</i>	<i>T.C.A.</i>	<i>All Air Services</i>	<i>Calendar Year</i>	<i>T.C.A.</i>	<i>All Air Services</i>
	lb.	lb.		lb.	lb.
1939.....	392,931	1,994,643	1943.....	3,726,607	6,877,338
1940.....	634,444	2,739,473	1944.....	3,739,529	8,013,593
1941.....	1,329,232	3,350,431	1945.....	3,429,233	8,158,876
1942.....	2,308,812	4,793,491	1946.....	2,325,978	5,589,366

A fourth transcontinental daily air-mail flight was established over the T.C.A. in March, 1946. Domestic air-mail schedules were revised and frequencies increased over some sections. A new air-mail service was inaugurated late in 1946 linking Moncton, N.B., Kentville, Yarmouth and Halifax, N.S.

During 1946, a number of new air-mail services to the United States were inaugurated including services between Ottawa and Washington; Montreal and Washington; Ottawa and New York; Montreal-Toronto-Chicago; Toronto-London and Cleveland; Fort William and Duluth and Victoria and Seattle. Daily flights now take place in both directions between Dorval (Montreal), Que., and London, England, and air-mail services with many other overseas countries have been resumed. A reduction in air-mail postage rates from Canada to numerous countries in every quarter of the globe became effective late in 1946 when the unit of weight was established at one-quarter ounce instead of one-half ounce.

Section 1.—Post Office Statistics

Gross postal revenue of the Post Office Department reached the highest point on record during the year ended Mar. 31, 1946, amounting to \$83,763,007. Despite the fact that Armed Forces mails had subsided, the drop in volume was more than counterbalanced by the development of domestic postal business generally, and by the increases in commercial and relief parcels to Europe.

1.—Post Offices in Operation, by Provinces, as at Mar. 31, 1941-46

Province or Territory	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island.....	115	115	115	114	114	115
Nova Scotia.....	1,508	1,498	1,487	1,475	1,475	1,465
New Brunswick.....	1,020	1,007	1,001	996	991	983
Quebec.....	2,627	2,612	2,604	2,601	2,594	2,586
Ontario.....	2,639	2,618	2,597	2,579	2,566	2,557
Manitoba.....	810	802	799	797	795	794
Saskatchewan.....	1,528	1,505	1,499	1,484	1,466	1,443
Alberta.....	1,262	1,251	1,244	1,229	1,216	1,209
British Columbia.....	932	935	928	921	914	914
Yukon.....	15	16	16	15	16	16
Northwest Territories.....	21	22	23	23	22	23
Canada.....	12,477	12,381	12,313	12,234	12,169	12,105