

The Post Office delivers an estimated 2,400,000,000 items of mail annually, and to do this utilizes mechanical handling devices, including conveyers, electric cancelling machines, etc., in its larger offices.

The increase in postal business is one of the impressive features of Canada's economic development during the past 10 years. From \$40,383,366 in 1941, net revenue increased year by year to \$84,528,655 by Mar. 31, 1950; gross revenue for the latter year was \$101,277,435, an all-time high.

Section 1.—Post Office Statistics

Tables 1, 2 and 3 give the numbers of post offices in operation together with revenues and expenditures for the past few years.

1.—Post Offices in Operation, by Provinces, as at Mar. 31, 1946-50

Province or Territory	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Newfoundland.....	550	553
Prince Edward Island.....	115	109	108	105	105
Nova Scotia.....	1,465	1,441	1,396	1,362	1,315
New Brunswick.....	983	968	949	922	909
Quebec.....	2,586	2,577	2,582	2,567	2,560
Ontario.....	2,557	2,562	2,578	2,590	2,586
Manitoba.....	794	791	802	806	809
Saskatchewan.....	1,443	1,429	1,420	1,418	1,404
Alberta.....	1,209	1,195	1,188	1,186	1,184
British Columbia.....	914	923	920	933	952
Yukon.....	16	15	15	15	15
Northwest Territories.....	23	23	24	26	26
Canada.....	12,105	12,033	11,982	12,480	12,418

2.—Revenues and Expenditures of the Post Office Department, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1941-50

NOTE.—Figures for 1867-1940 will be found in the corresponding tables of previous Year Books, beginning with the 1911 edition.

Year	Gross Revenue	Net Revenue ¹	Expenditure	Surplus
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1941.....	48,143,410	40,383,366	38,699,674	+1,683,692
1942.....	55,477,159	45,993,872	41,501,869	+4,492,003
1943.....	59,175,138	48,868,762	44,741,987	+4,126,775
1944.....	73,004,399	61,070,919	48,485,009	+12,585,910
1945.....	79,533,903	66,071,815	54,629,281	+11,442,534
1946.....	83,763,007	68,635,559	57,729,646	+10,905,913
1947.....	86,400,951	72,986,624	64,213,050	+8,773,574
1948.....	91,613,618	77,770,967	67,943,476	+9,827,491
1949.....	95,957,469	80,618,401	77,642,621	+2,975,781
1950.....	101,277,435	84,528,655	82,639,741	+1,888,914

¹ Gross revenue less commissions and allowances to postmasters and other smaller items. for Newfoundland included.

² Figures