

vehicle on highways is being developed and over 150 such services are in operation. Many of these services replaced or reduced conveyance by rail. A local exchange of mails between offices on the route is effected by way-mail wallet. In 1955 there were approximately 767 city mail services transporting mail to and from post offices, postal stations and sub-post offices, collecting mail from street letter-boxes and delivering parcel post. In all, about 13,000 land mail service couriers are employed and travel in the neighbourhood of 50,000,000 miles annually. Land mail services are performed under a contract system, the contracts being awarded to the person submitting the lowest tender and competent to provide all the requisite equipment.

The increase in postal business is one of the impressive features of Canada's economic development during the past ten years. Gross revenue for the year ended Mar. 31, 1955 reached an alltime high.

Section 1.—Post Office Statistics

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

1.—Post Offices in Operation by Province as at Mar. 31, 1952-55

Province or Territory	1952	1953	1954	1955
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Newfoundland.....	592	606	613	626
Prince Edward Island.....	105	105	106	105
Nova Scotia.....	1,245	1,215	1,179	1,148
New Brunswick.....	837	834	817	789
Quebec.....	2,530	2,516	2,507	2,487
Ontario.....	2,598	2,613	2,630	2,654
Manitoba.....	823	831	824	822
Saskatchewan.....	1,397	1,384	1,364	1,347
Alberta.....	1,179	1,156	1,152	1,156
British Columbia.....	955	955	963	955
Yukon Territory.....	13	13	15	16
Northwest Territories.....	31	31	32	33
Canada	12,365	12,259	12,262	12,138

2.—Revenue and Expenditure of the Post Office Department, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1946-55

NOTE.—Figures from 1868 will be found in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1911 edition. Figures for Newfoundland are included from 1950.

Year	Gross Revenue	Net Revenue ¹	Expenditure ²	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-)
	\$	\$	\$	\$
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	+2,975,780
1950.....	101,277,435	84,528,655	82,639,741	+1,888,914
1951.....	105,545,456	90,454,678	91,781,466	-1,326,788
1952.....	122,266,675	104,622,208	97,973,263	+6,648,945
1953.....	129,388,365	112,024,245	105,553,191	+6,471,054
1954.....	129,889,325	111,107,484	113,581,752	-2,474,268
1955.....	151,717,273	131,315,049	123,611,055	+7,703,994

¹ Gross revenue less commissions and allowances to postmasters and other smaller items.
rental of service staff and staff post offices.

² Excludes