

delivery service. About 2,927 side services were in operation in 1959 to transport mail between post offices, railway stations, steamer wharves and airports, and 2,090 stage services operated to convey mail to and from post offices not located on railway lines. Transportation of mail by motor vehicle on highways is being developed and over 331 such services are in operation, many of them replacing or reducing conveyance by rail. A local exchange of mails between offices on the route is effected by way-mail wallet. In 1959 there were approximately 806 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. The 10,538 land-mail service couriers employed travelled approximately 50,000,000 miles during the year. 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.

Coastal mail service is conducted by 28 contractors who operate as far north along the West Coast as Alaska and on the East Coast to the northern part of Labrador.

Post Office Statistics.—Tables 16, 17 and 18 give the numbers of post offices in operation together with revenue and expenditure for recent years.

16.—Post Offices in Operation, by Province, as at Mar. 31, 1956-59

Province or Territory	1956	1957	1958	1959
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Newfoundland.....	636	640	641	647
Prince Edward Island.....	105	105	105	104
Nova Scotia.....	1,124	1,117	1,096	1,031
New Brunswick.....	736	703	676	634
Quebec.....	2,463	2,435	2,413	2,405
Ontario.....	2,644	2,627	2,616	2,624
Manitoba.....	815	817	810	814
Saskatchewan.....	1,332	1,318	1,310	1,298
Alberta.....	1,141	1,124	1,112	1,089
British Columbia.....	947	940	937	932
Yukon Territory.....	16	16	16	19
Northwest Territories.....	37	37	36	37
Canada.....	11,996	11,879	11,768	11,634

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, 1959 reached an all-time high.

17.—Revenue and Expenditure of the Post Office Department, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1950-59

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

Year	Gross Revenue	Net Revenue ¹	Expenditure ²	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-)
	\$	\$	\$	\$
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
1956.....	158,568,356	137,696,621	127,421,739	+10,274,882
1957.....	167,879,869	145,823,785	139,992,921	+5,830,864
1958.....	177,492,783	152,919,881	153,319,782	-399,901
1959.....	183,380,508	157,630,336	157,803,478	-173,142

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

² Excludes