

POSTAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF CANADA FROM
1868 TO 1891.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Revenue.	Expendi- ture.	Expenditure in excess of Revenue.	AMOUNT PER HEAD.	
				Rev- enue.	Expen- diture.
				\$ cts.	\$ cts.
1868.....	1,024,710	1,053,570	28,859	0 30	0 31
1869.....	973,056	1,079,828	106,772	0 29	0 32
1870.....	1,010,767	1,155,261	144,493	0 29	0 33
1871.....	1,079,767	1,271,006	191,238	0 31	0 36
1872.....	1,193,062	1,369,163	176,100	0 33	0 38
1873.....	1,406,984	1,553,604	146,619	0 38	0 42
1874.....	1,476,207	1,695,480	219,272	0 39	0 44
1875.....	1,536,509	1,873,241	336,731	0 40	0 48
1876.....	1,484,886	1,959,758	474,871	0 38	0 50
1877.....	1,501,134	2,075,618	574,483	0 37	0 52
1878.....	1,620,022	2,110,365	490,343	0 40	0 52
1879.....	1,534,363	2,167,266	632,902	0 37	0 52
1880.....	1,648,017	2,286,611	638,593	0 39	0 54
1881.....	1,767,953	2,333,189	565,236	0 41	0 54
1882.....	2,022,098	2,459,356	437,258	0 46	0 56
1883.....	2,264,384	2,687,394	423,009	0 51	0 61
1884.....	2,330,741	2,931,387	600,646	0 52	0 65
1885.....	2,400,062	3,097,882	697,820	0 53	0 68
1886.....	2,469,379	3,380,429	911,050	0 54	0 74
1887.....	2,603,255	3,458,100	854,845	0 56	0 75
1888.....	2,751,139	3,533,397	782,258	0 59	0 75
1889.....	2,984,222	3,746,040	761,817	0 63	0 79
1890.....	3,223,615	3,940,696	717,081	0 67	0 82
1891.....	3,374,888	4,020,740	645,852	0 70	0 83

Reasons
for excess
of expen-
diture.

337. The expenditure has exceeded the revenue continuously during the last twenty-four years, but the excess of expenditure appears to be on the decrease, having been \$71,229 less than in 1890, and \$115,965 less than in 1889. The revenue, which has been steadily increasing since 1878, showed a further increase of \$151,273. There was therefore an increase of about $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent in the revenue and of only 2 per cent in the expenditure. It is estimated that the annual loss through the free transmission of newspapers cannot be less than \$100,000. When the long distances that have to be covered in this country are considered, as well as the comparatively scanty population of many parts of it, particularly in the North-West Territories and British Columbia, it will easily be understood that it must be some time yet before the revenue can either balance or exceed the expenditure. The successful development of the country has required, and will for some years require continual additions to and extensions of the postal system, and in order to provide postal facilities *pari passu* with the progress of settlement, it is from time to time necessary to establish offices, the expenditure for which must for a number of years be in excess of the