

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS.

POSTAL STATISTICS.

The Post Office Department reports an increase in the fiscal year 1914-15 of 1,652 miles in the system over which the mails are carried by railway, thus bringing the total actual track mileage for the carriage of mails to 31,356 on March 31, 1915. The total mileage of mail conveyance in the fiscal year 1915 was 61,818,400, of which 36,714,540 was by railway, 2,440,968 was by water, and 22,662,892 was by stage or road. The total represents an increase in mileage, as compared with 1914, of 3,200,507, of which 2,048,259 was by railway, 31,319 by water and 1,120,929 by road. The expenditure of the Department increased by \$3,139,133, and the deficit from the operations of the Service was \$2,914,542. At the end of the calendar year 1915 there were 3,432 rural mail delivery routes, on which were erected 154,183 boxes; the corresponding figures for the calendar year 1914 were 2,737 routes and 116,683 boxes.

66.—Revenue and Expenditure of the Post Office Department for quinquennial periods 1890-1910, and for the years 1911-15.

Fiscal Years.	Net revenue.	Expenditure.	Deficit.	Surplus.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1890.....	2,357,389	3,074,470	717,081	-
1895.....	2,792,790	3,593,647	800,857	-
1900.....	3,183,984	3,645,646	461,662	-
1905.....	5,125,373	4,634,528	-	490,845
1910.....	7,958,547	7,215,337	-	743,210
1911.....	9,146,952	7,954,223	-	1,192,729
1912.....	10,482,255	9,172,035	-	1,310,220
1913.....	12,060,476	10,882,805	-	1,177,671
1914.....	12,956,216	12,822,058	-	134,158
1915.....	13,046,650	15,961,191	2,914,541	-

67.—Mail Subsidies and Steamship Subventions, 1913-1915.

Service.	1913.	1914.	1915.
	\$	\$	\$
Canada and Cuba.....	12,500	-	-
Canada and Great Britain.....	553,766	951,484	645,899
Canada and South Africa.....	146,000	146,000	146,000
Canada and Australia or New Zealand or both on Pacific Ocean.....	180,509	180,509	173,566
Canada (Atlantic) and Australia and New Zealand....	120,000	125,000	128,333
Canada and Mexico and Atlantic and Pac. Oceans.....	81,250	4,167	-
Canada and France ¹	198,484	195,458	105,428

¹Under special statute.