

In the preceding Tabular Statement the number of miles of annual Mail Travel for the year 1879 is stated at 16,156,034, and this was made up as follows:—

By ordinary land Post Routes with conveyance by stage or other vehicle, on horseback, &c., &c.....	9,709,982
By steamboat or sailing packet.....	635,529
By railway, Postal Car Service.....	3,570,391
“ Without Postal Car.....	2,240,132
	5,810,523
	16,156,034
The annual Mail Travel for 1878 was.....	15,427,323
	728,711
Increase	728,711

In January, 1880, the Post Office establishment of the Dominion comprised:—

5,606 Post Offices.

452 Clerks, Letter Carriers, &c., in the City Post Offices.

190 Railway Mail Clerks.

12 Post Office Inspectors.

9 Assistant Post Office Inspectors.

50 Clerks, Messengers, &c., in Inspectors Office.

To give increased strength in local supervision an additional Inspectors' Division was, from the 1st October last, formed from the counties lying on the St. Lawrence between Montreal and Quebec, with an Inspector in charge stationed at Three Rivers. From the 1st January, 1880, some changes were made in the dividing lines of the districts allotted to the Inspectors in the western sections of Ontario, and the station of the Inspector for the counties north of Toronto has been removed from Toronto to Barrie, the latter point being more central for the work of the District assigned to his supervision.

The number of new Post Offices established during the year was 228.

817 appointments to Postmasterships were made during the year, made up as follows:—

To the charge of new Post Offices.....	228
On resignations	474
Deaths.....	54
Dismissals ..	37
Change of office site.....	24
	817