

From the foregoing statement, it will be seen that during the fiscal year 1897-98, the following services by postal and baggage car were performed :—

POSTAL CAR.

Miles.	Frequency.
4,537·5	Daily, including Sundays.
24,393·4	Daily, excluding Sundays.
1,787·0	Tri-weekly.
416·0	Semi-weekly.
684·52	Weekly.

31,818·42 miles.

Or when reduced to a daily (ex-Sunday) basis 29,540 miles.

BAGGAGE CAR.

Miles.	Frequency.
2,842·51	Daily, including Sunday.
17,210·11	Daily, excluding Sunday.
322·3	Five times a week.
114·51	Four times a week.
708·6	Tri-weekly.
909·51	Semi-weekly.
826·91	Weekly.

22,934·45 miles.

Or when reduced to a daily (ex-Sunday) basis 20,855 miles.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of Railway Mail Service in June, 1898, and in June, 1897.

Date.	Miles of Railway in operation on which Mails are carried.	Daily Service by Postal Cars.		Daily Service by Baggage Cars.	Total Distance Travelled.	
		No. of Postal Cars on Railways.	Distance travelled in Miles.		Daily.	Yearly.
In June, 1898	15,324·05	*200	29,540	20,855	50,395	15,773,635
In June, 1897	14,779·90	180	29,000	19,302	48,302	15,118,526
	544·15	20	540	1,553	2,093	655,109

*This represents the actual number of postal cars in use, as previous to the present fiscal year the approximate number was given.

The additional number of miles of railway over which mails have been carried since last return is	550 65
Less—The following decrease since June, 1897—	
Canada Atlantic Railway—Lacolle Junc. and Rouse's Point, N. Y.	6·0
Canadian Pacific Railway—Sandon and Nakusp	5
	6·5
Actual increase	<u>544·15</u>

NOTE.—The decrease of $\frac{1}{2}$ mile between Sandon and Nakusp is owing to the actual distance being 40·5 instead of 41 miles as given last year.