

service, we would probably have to pay \$1,000 a year; and on an average that would represent about 15 cents a mile. But if we take into consideration the conditions existing in Canada and the rates we are paying for our mail carriage at present from place to place, we need not be very much afraid on that score, because the rates that are paid in Canada for such service will fall very far short of the fanciful rates which my hon. friend claims were demanded a year ago in the United States. If you take the rates of transportation in Canada, you will find that they will not exceed pro-

bably five cents a mile instead of fifteen. There is something interesting in the figures. You are well aware that this work is done by contract after calling for tenders, and you would suppose that the rates would be reasonably even all over the country. But let me begin by taking for illustration, South Simcoe and North Simcoe, and I will take only the short distances of under a mile. In South Simcoe, giving the stations, distances, the total number of trips and amounts paid, we have the following results:

SOUTH SIMCOE--DISTANCES LESS THAN A MILE..

Name.	Distance.	Total Trips.	Amount Paid.	Rate Per Trip.
	Miles.		\$ cts.	
Angus to Railway Station	1/2	1,248	48 00	
Colwell and Railway Station	1/2	624	62 80	
Utopia "	1/2	624	87 92	
Lefroy "	1/2	624	31 40	
Nantyr and Railway Catch Post	1/2	312	60 00	
Thornton and Railway Station	1/2	936	85 36	
Vine and Railway Catch Post	1/2	624	56 52	
Alliston and Railway Station	1/2	1,248	87 92	
Beeton "	1/2	1,248	169 66	
Cookstown "	1/2	1,248	150 72	
Tottenham "	1/2	1,248	49 00	
Everett "	1/2	936	*50 00	
Glencairn "	1/2	312	50 00	
Lisle "	1/2	312	25 00	
Tioga "	1/2	624	43 96	
Allandale "	1/2	1,872	100 00	
		14,040	1,158 26	
Average rate per trip				8 24/100 cts.
Average yearly cost per transfer				\$72.39

NORTH SIMCOE--LESS THAN A MILE.

Avening and Railway Station	3/4	624	120 00	
Batteau "	3/4	624	91 50	
Collingwood "	3/4	1,872	300 00	
Creemore "	3/4	1,248	94 20	
Duntroon "	3/4	1,248	314 00	
Nottawa "	3/4	624	114 00	
Smithdale "	3/4	312	25 12	
Stayner "	3/4	1,248	78 00	
Brentwood "	3/4	624	60 00	
New Lowell "	3/4	1,248	37 44	
Anten Mills "	3/4	312	29 00	
Saurin and Mail Changing Post	3/4	624	20 00	
Elmvale and Railway Station	3/4	936	100 00	
Phelpston "	1/2	312	42 38	
		11,856	1,425 64	
†Average rate per trip				12 10/100 cts.
Average annual rate per station				\$89.19

* Estimated. † Higher than South Simcoe by 45.87 per cent.

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