Roads, supported as regards the Grand Trunk by the alleged assent of the Postmaster General for the time being to a minute of the Grand Trunk Railway Board of Directors, dated 17th August, 1853, specifying that rate as the amount the Company was willing to accept. Subsequently both Roads have been credited for Mail Service performed, at the rates of the Order in Council. equivalent, in each case, to \$70 per mile per annum, for a service wice each way, every 24 hours, once by Day Train and once by Night Train.

The only Road not considered to fall under the operation of the Order in Council is the Montreal and Rouse's Point Railway (dating prior to the General Railway Act), to which the payment for Mail Service has continued unaltered for a long series of years, commencing before any other Railway was undertaken in the Province, the amount does not vary materially from the rates of the Order in Council, the payment being equivalent to a rate of about \$36 a mile for each daily service.

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The total payments for Railway Mail service have been as follows from 1851 inclusive.

ment at the rate of \$110 per mile to the Grand Trunk, and \$100 per mile to the Great Western up to date of Order in Connell, of September, 1858, were on 25th January, 1861, transferred to the credit of these Roads with the Receiver In addition to these sums paid the Great Western and Grand Trunk Railway in 1864, for the service of that year, the arrears due by the Post Office to those Roads for Mail conveyance to 31st December, 1860, including pay-\$113,144 89 W. H. GRIFFIN, To Grand Trunk arrears to 31st December, 1860. To Great Western do.

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Quebec, 8th May, 1862. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,