Freight		1001 95
Stationery		1066 95
Salaries and Travelling Expenses		1169 14
Insurance		56191 44
Building Fund		779 73
Balance		3664 84
		9 23
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REPORT OF MR. MELLISH.

In reviewing my work for the past year, I travel in thought from place to place, and meet with the familiar faces of many who were wont to greet me with a hearty welcome. Going from one to another I here and there miss a face that I had grown accustomed to see.

Many of those who last year met me with a friendly shake of the hand and "glad to see you," and expressed the wish that they could have done more for the Society, have passed away. I can call to mind several who from the first have taken an active interest in the affairs of this Society as well as in many other benevolent and religious objects.

The good these faithful ones have done will live long after they have been laid away to rest—live in thought, word and deed.

Never before, perhaps, has our Society had more cheering accounts of the good that is being accomplished through the system of Colportage than during the past year.

From Labrador and Newfoundland, from Magdalen Islands and many of the more destitute sections of the lower Provinces come the glad news of souls being born again, of lives made brighter and homes made happier through the visits of our travelling missionaries.

Should not this stimulate every follower of the meek and lowly Jesus, who has all the modern advantages of religious training and culture that money can procure, to do his utmost to help those who are not so highly favoured? As will be seen by examining the Report for the past year, nearly fourteen years' work have been performed, at a cost of about $3500.00. In no department of Christian work in the Maritime Provinces can be found an agency that is doing more good for the same expenditure. Combining, as our Colportage system does, all the elements of a missionary enterprise and great distributing centre, it can, in a much more effective and less expensive way, do service upon both lines. The non-sectarian principles upon which the work of the Society is performed gives it a foothold and claim upon the practical sympathy of every christian in the land.

During the past year many have felt the importance of the work, and were glad of the privilege afforded them of aiding in its support.

It is my purpose in the present year to try, not only to reach all who have so willingly assisted us in the past, but to secure the help and co-operation of those who have not helped the Society heretofore, or to whom the interests of the Society have not been represented.