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A RETURN of the Gross Amount of Postage in Upper and Lower Canada, distinguishing each, during each of the Years 1827, 1828, 1829, 1830 and 1831; distinguishing also the Amount of Newspaper and Pamphlet Postage Charge from the Amount of Letter Postage received at each Office, and showing in what Manner the Proceeds have been applied under the several Heads.

	1827.		1828.		1829.		1830.		1831.	
	Letter Postage.	Newspaper, &c. Postage.	Letter Postage.	Newspaper, &c. Postage.	Letter Postage.	Newspaper, &c. Postage.	Letter Postage.	Newspaper, &c. Postage.	Letter Postage.	Newspaper, &c. Postage.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Upper Canada	4,959 4 -	235 12 6	5,300 17 -	250 4 8	6,168 19 3	374 0 4	8,029 2 6	574 11 11	9,870 2 3	790 18 9
Lower Canada	8,627 13 1	368 7 2	8,834 17 4	397 13 7	9,022 17 4	444 4 4	9,900 16 1	516 11 7	10,402 19 1	566 15 11

The Letter Postage includes the British and Sea Postage, as well as the internal rates in the provinces. The net proceeds, after defraying the expenses of the establishment in the provinces and the conveyance of the Mails, &c. is remitted to the General Post-office, London. The sums received for the transmission of newspapers and pamphlets by Post, have, ever since the establishment of the Post-office in British North America, been the emolument of the Deputy Postmaster-general, out of which he allows to his sub-deputies a commission, for collecting, of from 10 to 20 per cent., which allowance is in addition to their salaries or commission as Postmasters. For 1827 and part of 1828, materials cannot be found for making up a perfect statement of the sums received for the transmission of newspapers &c., but the above is the most correct return that can be made.

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A similar RETURN as regards Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

	1827.		1828.		1829.		1830.		1831.	
	Letter Postage.	Newspaper, &c. Postage.	Letter Postage.	Newspaper, &c. Postage.	Letter Postage.	Newspaper, &c. Postage.	Letter Postage.	Newspaper, &c. Postage.	Letter Postage.	Newspaper, &c. Postage.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Nova Scotia and New Brunswick	3,766 13 9	50 - -	3,917 11 9	60 - -	* 7,743 - 4	200 - -	8,844 6 11	200 - -	9,999 13 7	200 - -

* The Posts in New Brunswick were placed under the management of the Deputy Postmaster-general, at Halifax, in this year.

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