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THE Post Office Department of this country is under the control of a Postmaster-General, who is a member of the Privy Council and may be a member either of the House of Commons or of the Senate. Under him is a deputy.

The service is divided into two divisions, the inside and the outside service. The former is located at Ottawa, and is distributed as follows :

Secretary's branch has charge of the general correspondence with the public, foreign offices, and offices of the outside service. This official has charge of the establishing of new post-offices, appointments and promotions in the entire staff, appointments of postmasters, custody of the bonds given by postmasters for the due fulfilment of office, and also makes enquiries respecting missing letters.

Accountant keeps all books of account, and is responsible to the Postmaster-General for the prompt collection of the postal revenue, and for the examination of all vouchers for expenditure, and for payment of all accounts.

Superintendent of Money Orders has the supervision of all duties connected with issuance and payment of money orders, and conducts the correspondence connected therewith.

Savings Bank business is under the charge of a superintendent, to whom is delegated all matters connected with the receipt and deposit of money with that branch.

The Dead Letter Office is under the charge of another superintendent, for the

disposal of undelivered correspondence and such odds and ends as accumulate through parties refusing packages held by Customs.

A superintendent guides the Printing and Supply Branch, and has sole charge of the ordering, receipt, custody and distribution of printed forms, stationery, mail bags, locks, stamps, and all other stores used in the post-office service.

The charge of the mail service, including letting, execution and general supervision of mail contracts is confided to a superintendent and forms a separate branch.

The remaining department is that of the Stamp Branch, the superintendent of which orders and issues postage stamps, cards, wrappers, bands, and envelopes.

To ensure a proper supervision over the working of the department in its relation to the public, the Dominion is divided into 15 divisions or districts, each of which is in charge of an inspector, who superintends the performance of the ordinary mail service, establishes post-offices, carries on enquiries respecting missing letters, investigates complaints, and does all those things which have of necessity to be done by local officers.

A certain number of the more important offices, such as Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa, are included in what is technically known as the outside office service. The postmasters and clerks are appointed by the Governor-General-in-Council, and are paid fixed salaries, and also come under the provisions of the Superannuation Act, and together with inspectors and railway mail clerks, comprise the outside service of the post-office. Postmasters, as a general rule, are not included in what