

Year.	Number of Post Offices.	Number of Miles of Post Route.	Number of Miles of Annual Mail Travel.	Estimated Number of Letters by Post in the year.	Gross Postal Revenue.	Postal Expenditure.
					\$ cts.	\$ cts.
1868	3,638	27,674	10,622,216	18,100,000	1,024,710 00	1,053,570 00
1869	3,756	28,745	11,261,807	21,920,000	* 923,056 00	1,079,828 00
1870	3,820	29,430	11,695,726	24,500,000	1,010,767 00	1,155,261 00
1871	3,943	30,039	11,992,898	27,050,000	1,079,767 00	1,271,006 00
1872	4,135	33,415	12,548,389	30,600,000	1,193,062 00	1,369,163 00

* NOTE.—General reduction of Postage Rates in this year.

The year 1872, includes, for the first time, the Postal business of British Columbia and Manitoba.

631 Appointments of Postmasters and Way Office Keepers were made during the year, and 657 new mail contracts were entered into.

New Post Offices and Post Routes have been established during the year, and increased frequency given to mail service on old routes throughout the Dominion, wherever necessary for the accommodation of the growing correspondence of the country.

The section of the Intercolonial Railway, between Truro and Amherst, Nova Scotia, 77 miles, became available for the transport of the mails from the 11th November, 1872, uniting the Nova Scotia system of Railways with the Railways of New Brunswick and the United States, and giving a continuous line of Railway mail communication from Halifax to Montreal and Ottawa, and the other Cities of Quebec and Ontario.

Mails have also been carried on the section of the Intercolonial Railway, from Rivière du Loup to Trois Pistoles, since the beginning of December, 1872.

Additional sections of the Railways in progress in Quebec and Ontario have also become available for mail conveyance since last year's Report.

	Additional Miles of Railway.
In Quebec :	
The South Eastern Counties Junction, West Farnham to Richford.....	34 miles.
In Ontario :	
The Brockville & Ottawa, extended to Renfrew.....	13
The Midland Railway do to Orillia.....	21
The Toronto & Nipissing, do to Cobocank	23
The Northern Railway, do to Meaford.....	20