

## NORTH YORK.

Name.	Distance.	Total Miles.	Amount Paid.	Rate per Mile.
	Miles.		\$ cts.	cts.
Sutton West and Vachell.....	4	2,496	75 00	3
Mount Albert and Sharon.....	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	4,524	177 50	3.92
Queensville and Ravenshoe.....	6	3,744	150 00	4
Keswicke and Roche's Point.....	3	1,872	139 00	7.42
Aurora and Schomberg.....	15	4,200	162 25	3.86
" Vandorf.....	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	5,148	290 00	5.63
Glenville and Newmarket.....	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,184	120 00	5.54
Kettleby and Railway Station.....	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3,744	229 20	6.12
King and Strange.....	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,964	198 00	6.68
Linton and Kleinburg Railway Station.....	13 $\frac{1}{4}$	8,268	375 00	4.53
Lloydtown and Schomberg Railway Station.....				
" Tuam and Railway Station.....		3,957	267 84	6.76
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Schomberg and Tuam.....	5	580	59 00	10.14
Temperanceville and Railway Station.....	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	4,056	200 00	4.93
Georgina Island and Verginia.....	4	832	40 00	4.80
Newton Robinson and Bradford.....	9	5,616	365 00	6.49
Deerhurst and Gilford.....	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,808	155 00	5.52
		56,693	3,002 79	Av. 5 $\frac{30}{100}$ cts.

Average 5.30 cents a mile.

Average in South Simcoe is 3.94 cents per mile. Difference is (in favour of North York) 34 per cent.

I find from the Postmaster General's Report that the total number of miles of mail route travelled in South Simcoe was 85,020 at a cost of \$3,355.47 or an average of 3.94 cents per mile for the whole riding. In North York, on the other hand, the total number of miles travelled was 56,693 at a cost of \$3,002.79 or an average of 5.30 cents per mile. It is a peculiar thing that in the centre, in South Simcoe, the cost is lower by 45 per cent than in North Simcoe on the other hand, and 34 per cent lower than in North York on the other hand, although they are all by tender.

The matter to which I particularly want to direct attention is that if we take the average mileage cost for carrying mails in Canada and apply our information upon that point to the mileage that would be required for the free delivery if it were established, there is no reason to believe that it will entail anything like the expense which the Postmaster General seems to anticipate or be a matter of serious difficulty so far as we would require for the present to extend the system. The Postmaster General suggested that the United States had arrived at a position when they had to reconsider the matter, when in fact it had given rise to litigation and difficulty, and that in all probability they would like to get out of it. I find no suggestion of that kind in any of the reports in connection with post office management in the United States. I have examined the congressional record right down to date; congress is sitting and

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these matters are coming up for discussion every day, yet there is no information that any difficulty of this kind has arisen. They have been extending the system from year to year. Beginning with forty-four trips they had at the end of the fiscal year 1904, established 24,556 trips, and by December 2, 1904, when the Postmaster General of the United States made his report, they had established 28,073 trips, and he estimated that by January 15, just past, they would have 30,073 trips in operation. As the Postmaster General of the United States and his assistants point out, there had not at any time therefore been such a demand for this service nor had the service ever been so successful as in the fiscal year ending the 30th June, last. The postal authorities of the United States also point out that they were serving at the end of last year 12,000,000 people, and counting on the same basis, they are now serving at a cost of \$12,000,000 nearly 13,500,000 people in the rural municipalities of the United States.

The president of the United States in his message to the Senate dated 6th December last gave some interesting information upon this service. He said:—

In the Post Office Department the service has increased in efficiency and conditions as to revenue and expenditure continue satisfactory. Included in these expenditures was a total appropriation of \$12,956,637.35 for the continuation and extension of the rural free delivery service, which was an increase of \$4,902,237.35 over the amount expended for this purpose in the