

PRINTING AND SUPPLY.

Detailed statements giving the operations of this branch of the Post Office service will be found in the appendix.

The total cost of all classes of stores furnished to the Post Office Service through the Printing and Supply Branch for the year ended 30th June, 1890, was \$102,975.73. the cost for the year ended 30th June, 1889, was \$111,593.95, showing for the last year a decrease of \$8,618.22. This reduction in cost is largely due to exceptional circumstances, such as a revision of forms in use, and the concentration of the staff consequent on the removal of the Department to the Langevin Block, and cannot be expected to occur again.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The Gross Postal Revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1890, was \$3,223,614.63, an increase of \$239,392.03.

The expenditure for the year amounted to \$3,940,695.59.

The difference between Revenue and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1890, was \$717,080.96. The difference for the year 1889 was \$761,817.82.

From the above statements it will be observed that whilst the revenue has increased a little over 8 per cent., the expenditure has only increased a fraction above 5 per cent.

It may not be out of place to remark here that the annual loss of revenue, occasioned by the free transmission of newspapers throughout the Dominion, cannot be estimated at less than \$100,000 a year, even at the low rate of one cent per lb.

The sources of Revenue, and the items of Expenditure in the Post Office Service, are so clearly defined and are liable to so little variation, that beyond an expression of gratification when the statements are satisfactory; or a few words of explanation when the results have been unfavourable there is but little to be said.

The great bulk of the Expenditure is so carefully controlled by Statutory enactment, or Department regulation; that very little latitude is left to the officers of the Department, and if the service is to be efficiently maintained an annual increase in expenditure must be looked for.

MONEY ORDERS.

The Money Order Offices in operation on the 30th June, 1890, numbered 1,027, an increase of 34 during the year, the distribution being as follows:—

Ontario.....	536
Quebec.....	164
Nova Scotia.....	140
New Brunswick.....	95
Prince Edward Island.....	11
Manitoba.....	29
North-West Territories.....	22
British Columbia.....	30

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