

such periods as may be directed by the Postmaster General, the Postmasters shall respectively send such of the Letters advertised by them, as remain on hand as Dead Letters to the Post Office Department, when the same shall be opened, and whenever practicable returned to the writers of the same on payment of the postage should any remain charged as unpaid upon such Dead Letters, with one penny additional on each Letter to defray the cost of advertising, opening and returning the same; And if the writer of any such Dead Letter cannot be ascertained or found, the Postmaster General may after retaining the same in his Office such length of time as he may deem expedient, cause the same to be destroyed; Provided always that should any such Dead Letter of which the writer cannot be ascertained or found, contain money, the Postmaster General may appropriate it to the use of the Department, keeping an account thereof, and the amount shall be paid by the Department to the rightful claimant as soon as he shall be found.

Proviso.

Railroads.

XI. And be it enacted that it shall be lawful for the Postmaster General to Contract for conveying the Mail with any Railroad Company in this Province, either with or without advertising for such Contract.

Annual Report
to Parliament.

XII. And be it enacted that it shall be the duty of the Postmaster General to make to the Provincial Parliament at each Session thereof, the following reports : viz,—

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First,—A report of the Finances, Receipts and Expenditure of the Post Office Department for the year ending as aforesaid in the form of a general Account current, shewing on the one side the whole amount of balances due to the Department from Postmasters or others at the beginning of the year the whole amount of Postage that accrued within the year and any and every other item of Revenue or Receipt; and on the other side of the Account the charges and expenditure incurred by the Department within the said year of every kind and nature, shewing in separate amounts the charges for mail transportation, for Salaries and Commission and allowances to Postmasters, for Printing and Advertising, and for incidental and miscellaneous items of Expenditure, shewing also the balance remaining due from Postmasters and others at the close of the year; and shewing in the shape of a balance what the result of the operations of the Department has been for the said year, whether to produce a surplus of Revenue in excess of Expenditure or to cause the Expenditure to exceed the Revenue, and in either case to what amount.

Second,—A report shewing in detail all payments made and charges incurred for mail transportation during the said year, stating in each case the name of the Contractor or party receiving payment, the mail route, the mode and frequency of transportation and the sum paid.