

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The amount of Revenue has been as follows :

Gross Postage	£151,324	13	2½
Less—			
Balances in hands of Postmasters....	£2,542	10	1
Balance of Brit. Post. col. in Canada,	13,493	17	5
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Net available Revenue.....	£135,283	5	8½

The Postage collected from ordinary sources exceeds that of last year by upwards of £3,000, and, considering the depression under which all kinds of business labored during the year, it is doubtless a matter of legitimate surprise and congratulation, that the Postage Revenue should not only have made head against its share of unfavorable influences, but should have advanced, even to this extent, upon the Revenue of 1857.

In conformity to an order in council, the sum of £16,000 has been assumed as Post Office Revenue in the yearly statement, in lieu of an estimated equivalent amount of postage, which would have been due at ordinary rates, on the Legislative and Executive correspondence transmitted without charge during the year.

The Revenue of the current year will, it is anticipated, advance considerably upon that of 1858. The revival of business, the commencement of weekly mails by the Canadian Ocean Steamers in the approaching Spring, the Parcel Post Collections, and other causes, may be calculated on to aid in producing this result.

EXPENDITURE.

The disbursements were—FOR MAIL SERVICE :

By stage, on horseback, or on foot....	£45,004	0	4
By steamboat	2,973	7	6
By railroad.....	24,576	6	6
To and from Railroad Stations.....	8,534	15	8
For mail bags, locks, keys, &c.....	846	13	7
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Total Mail Service.....	£81,935	3	7
Salaries and Commissions.....	67,106	0	9
Allowances to Postmasters, office rent, &c.....	1,828	11	9
Stationery to do.	1,505	2	10
General Stationery, Printing and Advertising	4,799	3	5½
Post Office Stamps and Seals, Scales and Weights, and miscellaneous items.....	4,000	16	7
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	£161,169	18	11½