

Besides the above, the following lines of railway, over which mails are not carried, have been constructed by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company during the past season :

Regina and Maple Creek.. .....	245
Winnipeg and Gretna.....	69½
Morris Junction and Darlingford .....	32
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	346½

In addition, also, to the above, the 300 miles of railway between Thunder Bay (on Lake Superior) and Rat Portage have been sufficiently advanced to permit of the passage of freight trains, by which, under an agreement with the contractors, mails are carried three times per week each way, during such portion of the present winter as the freight traffic may be continued.

This for a portion of the season during which navigation is closed will greatly expedite the delivery of the mails at, and their despatch from, Thunder Bay, Fort William and Silver Islet, which offices have hitherto been entirely dependent during the winter, on the route *via* Duluth and Grand Portage, U.S.

It will also afford postal accommodation to a large number of men employed in the woods between Rat Portage and Thunder Bay for the collection and delivery of whose correspondence arrangements have been made at the most convenient points along the line.

#### REVENUE.

The postal revenue brought to account this year amounted to \$2,022,098.44, being an increase of \$254,935.74, equal to 12½ per cent. advance on the previous year's collections.

In Manitoba the postages nearly doubled within the year.

The abolition of postage on Canada newspapers and periodicals sent to subscribers from the office of publication had but trifling effect on the revenue of this year, for only the last month was affected by it, and that but partially.

#### EXPENDITURE.

The total expenditure was \$2,459,356.48, an increase of \$126,957.68, or about 5½ per cent. on the expenditure of the previous year. The revenue fell short of the expenditure by \$437,258.04, as compared with the deficit of \$565,236.10 in the previous year, and of \$605,045.17 in the year 1880.

In the three years ended 30th June, 1882, the postal revenue has increased rather more than twenty per cent., whilst the augmentation of expenditure has been at the rate of seven and a half per cent., and if this relative rate of increase can be maintained, a few years would suffice to place the Canada Post Office on a self-sustaining basis.