

The Yearly Postage collections, extent of staff, and salaries paid to the Postmasters of these City Offices, are as follows :—

City.	No. of Staff, exclusive of Postmaster.	Yearly Postage Collection.	Postmaster's Salary.	
Halifax, N. S.....	17	\$ 25,000	\$ 2,400	Postmaster for Halifax acts also as Inspector of Nova Scotia.
St. John, N. B.....	13	26,000	2,000	
Fredericton	3	8,000	1,200	A deduction of \$400 a year has for some years been made by Government, from salary paid to present incumbent at Quebec, on ground that he did not fully discharge the duties of the appointment. *The present P. M's of Kingston and London had this amount of salary when the Act of 1857 came into operation.
Quebec	19	40,000	2,000	
Montreal.....	49	110,000	2,000	
Ottawa	13	28,000	2,000	
Kingston.....	7	15,000	1,840*	
Toronto.....	33	75,000	2,000	
Hamilton.....	11	31,000	2,000	
London	11	20,000	1,840*	

It is clear that the duties and responsibilities of the Postmasters of Montreal and Toronto, in respect to the postal business of their offices, have far outgrown the scale of 1857, and it is not right that the Postmasters of those Cities should receive no higher salary than the Postmasters of other Cities not having half the amount of postage to collect, nor half the extent of staff to supervise and direct.

Moreover, as respects Ontario and Quebec, the growth since 1857 of the Money Order business, and the introduction since that date of Post Office Savings Banks and the distribution of Bill Stamps through the Post Office, has largely added to the labour and responsibility of the City Postmasters in those Provinces, without bringing to them any compensation whatever. Their salaries have not been augmented since the settlement of 1857, nor has any commission or allowance been granted to them in respect to the Money Order, Savings Bank, or Bill Stamp business.

This condition of things bears with special severity on the Postmasters of Montreal and Toronto, because, as above noticed, the postage collections and ordinary postal duties at those Cities have so far increased during the last ten or twelve years as to call for a revision of the salary allotted to those officers by the scale of 1857, on that ground alone.

Comparative statement of the chief incidents of duty and responsibility of the Postmasters of Montreal and Toronto, with their salaries, in the years 1857 and 1868, respectively :—

	MONTREAL.		TORONTO.	
	1857	1868	1857	1868
Number of Staff.....	23	49	20	33
Annual Postage collected.....	\$53,000	\$110,000	\$56,000	\$75,000
Money Order Transactions.....	\$395,000	\$640,000	\$300,000	\$550,000
Savings' Bank do	Nil.	\$33,000	Nil.	\$136,000
Bill Stamp Sales	Nil.	\$23,000	Nil.	\$5,000
Salary	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000