

7,084, an increase of 3,446, or 94.72 per cent. The number of letters of all kinds shows an increase during the same period of over fifty millions, viz., 50,300,000, and of registered letters of 2,355,250; while post cards, which were first issued in 1871, reached a total of 13,800,000. The total increase in the number of letters, including post cards, was 279 per cent., and the number of letters per head, excluding post cards, rose from 5.37 in 1868, to 14.57 in 1885. There was an increase in the number of letters and post cards sent in 1885 over 1884 of 2,520,000, and in 1884 over 1883 of 3,940,000.

328. The next Table gives the number of newspapers, books, periodicals and parcels sent during the same period.

NEWSPAPERS, Periodicals, Books, Circulars, Parcels, &c., 1868 to 1885.

Year ended 30th June.	Newspapers and Periodicals Posted otherwise than from Office of Publication.	Newspapers and Periodicals Posted from Office of Publication. No. of lbs.	Books, Circulars, Samples and Patterns, &c.	Parcels.	Total.	Number per Head.
1868.....	18,860,000	.....	.....	24,800	18,884,800	5.60
1869.....	18,700,000	.....	.....	38,720	18,738,720	5.49
1870.....	20,150,000	.....	.....	51,844	20,201,844	5.85
1871.....	22,250,000	.....	.....	64,160	22,314,160	6.34
1872.....	24,400,000	.....	.....	95,200	24,495,200	6.78
1873.....	25,480,000	.....	.....	112,300	25,592,300	6.98
1874.....	29,000,000	.....	.....	102,800	29,102,800	7.61
1875.....	31,300,000	.....	.....	131,352	31,431,352	8.08
1876.....	38,549,000	.....	4,539,912	70,724	43,159,636	10.9
1877.....	39,000,000	.....	4,638,000	90,000	43,728,000	10.9
1878.....	6,252,740	3,720,408	5,090,000	107,800	11,450,540	2.81
1879.....	5,610,000	4,085,454	5,054,000	206,600	10,870,600	2.62
1880.....	5,870,000	4,361,118	5,224,000	217,000	11,311,000	2.68
1881.....	5,980,000	4,745,452	6,000,000	331,500	12,311,500	2.83
1882.....	7,150,000	4,855,000	7,186,000	394,000	14,730,000	3.32
1883.....	7,402,900	.....	8,724,000	463,200	16,589,000	3.67
1884.....	8,210,000	.....	10,160,000	541,000	18,911,000	4.11
1885.....	8,760,000	.....	10,500,000	600,000	19,860,000	4.23