

## ESTIMATED Number of Letters and Post Cards, by Provinces, 1881 to 1885.

Provinces.	Year ended 30th June.	Number of Post Offices.	Estimated Number Sent.				
			Registered Letters.	Free Letters.	Total Letters Posted.	Post Cards.	No. of Letters per Head.
Ontario .....	1881	2,493	1,460,000	1,350,000	27,000,000	6,500,000	13·98
	1882	2,571	1,600,000	1,800,000	31,500,000	7,800,000	16·03
	1883	2,617	1,650,000	1,890,000	31,500,000	8,500,000	17·26
	1884	2,713	1,800,000	2,000,000	36,600,000	9,000,000	18·02
	1885	2,762	1,820,000	2,100,000	37,500,000	9,000,000	18·18
Quebec.. .....	1881	1,147	480,000	215,000	11,700,000	1,850,000	8·58
	1882	1,177	500,000	300,000	13,500,000	2,200,000	9·77
	1883	1,210	560,000	300,000	14,500,000	2,400,000	10·36
	1884	1,252	650,000	400,000	15,600,000	2,600,000	11·01
	1885	1,289	660,000	420,000	16,000,000	2,700,000	11·17
Nova Scotia .....	1881	1,037	115,000	110,000	4,000,000	600,000	9·05
	1882	1,091	120,000	100,000	4,300,000	650,000	9·61
	1883	1,131	130,000	125,000	4,700,000	780,000	10·36
	1884	1,203	150,000	135,000	5,100,000	850,000	11·09
	1885	1,255	155,000	140,000	5,300,000	850,000	11·37
New Brunswick.....	1881	802	90,000	90,000	3,200,000	500,000	9·93
	1882	828	100,000	100,000	3,600,000	410,000	11·04
	1883	883	100,000	90,000	4,200,000	620,000	12·73
	1884	932	110,000	95,000	4,400,000	640,000	13·20
	1885	997	115,000	100,000	4,000,000	700,000	11·89
P. E. Island .....	1881	237	28,000	18,000	620,000	70,000	5·67
	1882	244	20,000	16,000	700,000	50,000	6·31
	1883	252	30,000	25,000	760,000	90,000	6·75
	1884	271	30,000	24,000	800,000	95,000	7·01
	1885	280	30,000	20,000	800,000	90,000	6·92
British Columbia....	1881	59	20,000	15,000	600,000	20,000	11·69
	1882	61	20,000	24,000	600,000	20,000	10·16
	1883	66	25,000	50,000	740,000	40,000	10·90
	1884	83	40,000	60,000	900,000	45,000	11·55
	1885	97	50,000	70,000	1,100,000	60,000	12·33
Manitoba, Keewatin and North-West Territories.	1881	160	60,000	40,000	1,050,000	100,000	8·33
	1882	199	90,000	50,000	2,000,000	170,000	14·23
	1883	236	155,000	120,000	3,400,000	460,000	21·83
	1884	383	220,000	110,000	3,600,000	350,000	20·80
	1885	404	230,000	110,000	3,700,000	400,000	19·21

333. Ontario showed an increase of 13,000,000 in the number of letters and post cards sent in 1885, as compared with 1881, and the number sent per head in each year has been much larger than in any other one of the Provinces, except Manitoba and The Territories. In proportion to population, the number of letters sent per head in Quebec in 1885, was the smallest of any of the Provinces. It was less than in Nova Scotia, was nearly 1 per head less than in New Brunswick, and was 7 per head less than in Ontario. Manitoba and The Territories, with a combined population of about 150,000, sent the most letters in proportion to population, the number per head being 19·21, a decrease of nearly one letter per head during the past year. Quebec, with over a million more inhabitants, sent 8 letters per head