

NUMBER OF POST OFFICES IN CANADA AND ESTIMATED NUMBER
AND NUMBER PER HEAD OF LETTERS AND POST CARDS
SENT, 1868 TO 1886.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE,	Number of Post Offices.	ESTIMATED NUMBER SENT.				Number of Letters per Head.
		Registered Letters.	Free Letters.	Total Letters Posted.	Post Cards.	
1868	3,638	704,750	733,100	18,100,000	.....	5·37
1869	3,756	850,000	874,000	21,920,000	.....	6·42
1870	3,820	1,000,000	1,034,000	24,500,000	.....	7·09
1871	3,943	1,100,000	1,218,000	*27,050,000	.....	7·69
1872	4,135	1,280,000	1,125,000	*30,600,000	.....	8·47
1873	4,518	1,377,000	1,091,000	*34,579,000	.....	9·43
1874	4,706	1,562,900	1,432,200	*39,358,500	.....	10·28
1875	4,892	1,750,000	1,290,000	*42,000,000	.....	10·81
1876	5,015	1,774,000	1,059,292	41,800,000	4,646,000	10·58
1877	5,161	1,842,000	1,096,000	41,510,000	5,450,000	10·34
1878	5,378	1,980,000	1,250,000	44,000,000	6,455,000	10·78
1879	5,606	1,940,000	1,384,000	43,900,000	6,940,000	10·59
1880	5,773	2,040,000	1,464,000	45,800,000	7,800,000	10·86
1881	5,935	2,253,000	1,838,000	48,170,000	9,640,000	11·08
1882	6,171	2,450,000	2,390,000	56,200,000	11,300,000	12·68
1883	6,395	2,650,000	2,600,000	62,800,000	12,940,000	13·90
1884	6,837	3,000,000	2,824,000	66,100,000	13,580,000	14·35
1885	7,084	3,060,000	2,960,000	68,400,000	13,800,000	14·57
1886	7,295	3,400,000	3,310,000	71,000,000	15,109,000	14·81

* Including post cards.

Increase
in number
of letters,
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359. During the past year 211 new offices were opened, and the total number of post offices is now more than double the number at Confederation, there having been an increase of 3,657. The increase in the number of letters sent, as compared with 1885, was: Registered letters, 340,000; free letters, 350,000; and ordinary letters, 1,910,000; making a total increase of letters posted of 2,600,000, being 300,000 more than the increase of 1885 over 1884. The total number of letters sent in 1886, was 52,900,000 more than were sent in the first year of Confederation, being almost three times as many. The number of letters sent per head of estimated population was, according to the above figures, not quite 15. Post cards, which were first issued in 1871 have now reached the large total of 15,109,000, the increase over 1885