

Registered
letters
that mis-
carried.

350. There was an increase in the number of registered letters of 160,000, and in the number that miscarried of six. Only one in every 21,446 letters registered failed to reach its destination, and the proportion would be much larger if those that failed owing to accidents beyond the control of any system of registration were deducted, quite a number having been destroyed by fire or other accidents while under conveyance, and of 34 only was the miscarriage traced to negligence on the part of post office officials, by whom in each case the amounts lost were made good.

Number
of letters
sent to the
Dead Let-
ter Office
1867-1887.

351. The numbers of letters and other articles sent to the Dead Letter Office in each year, since Confederation, are given below :—

LETTERS, POST CARDS, CIRCULARS, BOOKS, PARCELS, &c.,
RECEIVED AT THE DEAD LETTER OFFICE IN CANADA
DURING THE YEARS 1868 TO 1887.

YEAR.	Total Number.	HOW DISPOSED OF.						
		Return- ed to other Coun- tries.	Deliver- ed or For- warded to Ad- dress.	Return- ed to Writers.	Remain- ing in Office or with Post- master.	Failed of delivery, con- tained no value, des- troyed.	Return- ed to printed Address	Return- ed to Govern- ment Depart- ment.
1868.....	312,220							
1869.....	307,839							
1870.....	324,291							
1871.....	335,508							
1872.....	380,810							
1873.....	426,886							
1874.....	508,160							
1875.....	572,127							
1876.....	587,376							
1877.....	563,484							
1878.....	630,847							
1879.....	540,429	49,952	12,645	195,689	558	262,464	19,119	
1880.....	592,385	63,755	12,546	219,728	1,380	270,764	19,622	4,594
1881.....	617,712	69,857	14,387	235,686	1,454	270,621	18,259	7,448
1882.....	658,762	76,820	12,083	279,566	2,258	264,122	19,166	4,744
1883.....	717,271	83,553	13,193	284,771	2,480	298,478	21,909	7,881
1884.....	764,731	106,843	24,124	275,497	2,269	321,229	35,254	9,515
1885.....	787,110	111,681	25,111	268,725	2,000	343,838	26,239	9,516
1886.....	753,489	97,556	25,744	258,491	14,155	320,953	26,769	9,821
1887.....	833,741	96,396	29,507	274,734	11,414	383,319	29,109	9,263