

## WINTER SEASON.

YEAR.	Average Passage to Liverpool.			Number of Passengers.	Barrel Bulk.	Average Passage to Portland.			Number of Passengers.	Tons of Freight.
	d.	h.	m.			d.	h.	m.		
1867-68.....	10	12	44	1,026	169,375	12	12	0	4,399	16,095
1868-69.....	9	1	45	1,719	..... * .....	To Halifax.			6,730	58,611
						10	0	16		

## SUMMER SEASON.

1868.....	9	20	34	5,044	241,877	To Quebec.			14,073	28,398
1869.....	8	21	9	4,163	660,732	10	15	57	14,654	57,766
						8	20	46		

\* The bulk of cargo was loaded at Portland and Baltimore.

362. The fastest passage from Quebec to Liverpool in 1868 was made in 8 days 14 hours 15 minutes and in 1869 in 7 days 21 hours 10 minutes. In the latter year the passage from Liverpool to Quebec was made in 7 days 14 hours 45 minutes, and the average of the westward voyage was the highest during the season, but as a general rule the eastward passages are the fastest. Fastest passages.

363. The following table gives the numbers and number per head of letters and post cards sent in the principal countries of the world. The figures have been taken partly from official sources, and partly from the Statesman's Year Book, and the calculations have been made in this office. Attention is again called to the extraordinary quantity of mail matter sent in the Australasian Colonies. The Australasian trade is undoubtedly very large in proportion to population, and the correspondence may be expected to be accordingly large, but it does not seem likely that it should be so much larger than, and out of all proportion to that of any other civilized country, and the high figures are pro- Number of letters sent in principal countries.