NUMBER OF POST OFFICES IN CANADA AND ESTIMATED NUMBER AND NUMBER PER HEAD OF LETTERS AND POST CARDS SENT, 1868 TO 1889.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE,	Number of Post Offices.	ESTIMATED NUMBER SENT.				Numbe of
		Registered Letters.	Free Letters.	Total Letters Posted.	Post Cards.	Letters per Head.
868	3,638	704,750	733,100	18,100,000		5.37
869	3,756	850,000	874,000	21,920;000		
870	3,820	1,000,000	1,034,000	24,500,000		7.09
871	3,943	1,100,000	1,218,000	*27,050,000		7.69
872	4,135	1,280,000	1,125,000	*30,600,000		8.47
873	4,518	1,377,000	1,091,000	*34,579,000		9.43
874	4,706	1,562,900	1,432,200	*39,358,500		10.28
875	4,892	1,750,000	1,290,000	*42,000,000		10.8
876	5,015	1,774,000	1,059,292	41,800,000	4,646,000	10.58
877	5,161	1,842,000	1,096,000	41,510,000	5,450,000	10.3
378	5,378	1,980,000	1,250,000	44,000,000	6,455,000	10.78
379	5,606	1,940,000	1,384,000	43,900,000	6,940,000	10.59
380	5,773	2,040,000	1,464,000	45,800,000	7,800,000	10.86
381	5,935	2,253,000	1,838,000	48,170,000	9,640,000	11:08
382	6,171	2,450,000	2,390,000	56,200,000	11,300,000	12.68
383	6,395	2,650,000	2,600,000	62,800,000	12,940,000	13.90
384	6,837	3,000,000	2,824,000	66,100,000	13,580,000	14:35
85	7,084	3,060,000	2,960,000	68,400,000	13,800,000	14.57
886	7,295	3,400,000	3,310,000	71,000,000	15,109,000	14.8
87	7,534	3,560,000	3,160,000	74,300,000	16,356,000	15 24
88	7,671	3,580,000	3,500,000	80,200,000	16,586,000	16.13
389	7,838	3,649,000	3,872,000	92,668,000	19,355,000	18.2

^{*} Including post cards.

305. During the past year 167 new offices were opened, and Increase the total number of post offices is now considerably more than of letters, double the number at Confederation, there having been an &c. increase of 4,200. The increase in the number of letters sent, as compared with 1888, was, in registered letters, 69,000; and ir total letters of all kinds, 12,468,000, which was the largest increase in any one year since Confederation, being a total increase of letters posted of 6,568,000, more than the increase of 1888 over 1887, which was 5,900,000. The total number of letters sent in 1888 was 74,568,000 more than was sent in the first year of Confederation, being over four times as many. The number of letters sent per head of estimated population