

Particulars of registered letters miscarried

320. Out of 3,649,000 registered letters estimated to have been sent in 1889, only 243 containing money failed altogether to reach their destination. The contents of 62 were made good by the officials held responsible for the loss, 47 were accidentally destroyed in transit, 66 were stolen, in 32 the contents were said to be missing, and 21 were contained in mails which were said never to have arrived. The increase in the total number sent, as compared with 1888, was 69,000, and the number that miscarried increased by 46. One letter in every 15,016 letters registered miscarried, a much larger proportion than in 1888, when it was one in 18,172 letters.

Number of letters sent to Dead Letter Office 1868-1889.

321. 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 1889.

YEAR.	Total Number	HOW DISPOSED OF.						
		Returned to other Countries.	Delivered or Forwarded to Address	Returned to Writers.	Remaining in Office or with Postmaster.	Failed of Delivery, contained no Value, Destroyed	Returned to Printed Address.	Returned to Government Department.
1868.	312,220							
1869.	307,889							
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	4,590
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	88,553	13,198	284,771	2,480	298,478	21,909	7,881
1884.	764,731	106,843	24,124	275,497	2,269	321,229	25,254	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.	833,742	96,396	29,507	274,734	11,414	383,319	29,109	9,263
1888.	916,929	95,184	31,601	358,213	10,680	380,404	30,968	9,879
1889.	893,298	100,462	31,514	300,046	10,989	405,392	33,509	11,386