elsewhere. The system adopted in Canada does not do justice to the correspondence of the country, as no notice whatever is taken of the large number of letters which come from foreign countries.

NUMBER OF POST OFFICES AND NUMBER OF LETTERS AND POST CARDS SENT IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Countries.	Year.	Number of Post Offices.	Number Sent.	Number per Head.
New Zealand......	1887	....	39,377,774	65·26
Western Australia....	1887	....	2,253,814	54·05
Great Britain...................	1888	17,587	1,701,000,000	45·36
New South Wales....................	1887	... .	44,845,900	43·00
South Australia	1887	585	15,181,309	47·82
Victoria..	1887	1,527	41,287,972	39·85
United States..	1888	58,999	2,141,000,000	35·68
Switzerland...	1887	816	99,532,510	33·85
Queensland......	1887	716	11,586,807	31·57
Tasmania...	1887	258	4,549,899	31·30
German Empire........	1887	19,476	1,174,354,610	25·06
Belgium...........................	1886	816	131,436,941	22·24
Sweden.......	1885	2,103	96,280,592	20·41
Netherlands....	1887	1,235	90,072,915	20·51
France...........................	1886	6,800	693,162,187	18·14
Canada.	1889	7,838	92,668,000	18·25
Chili.....	1886	484	35,308,210	13·97
Austria-Hungary	1887	8,640	591,020,000	14·91
Norway.............................	1886	1,217	20,776,622	10·60
Spain..............................	1884	3,069	118,394,708	6·87
Italy........	1886	4,004	203,635,675	6·80
Argentine Republic..................	1886		23,174,481	6·75
Uruguay....	1887	....	5,048,696	8·46
Cape of Good Hope..................	1887	....	7,435,968	5·40
Portugal ..... —	1887	1,027	23,275,991	4·94
Greece...	1886	243	7,502,200	3·79
Denmark......	1886	763	39,625,976	18·79
Roumania	1886	197	17,039,538	3·09
Japan.	1887	4,800	109,646,258	2·87
Servia.............................	1886	96	4,757,533	2·45
Brazil....	1885	1,983	24,724,142	1·91
Egypt.	1887	171	12,916,000	1·86
Russia	1887	5,280	189,700,000	1·82
India.	1887	16,483	230,632,382	1·09
Persia.............................	1885	73	1,370,885	0·18
Turkey..........................	1883	1,150	2,578,030	0·07

PART II.—TELEGRAPHS.

Government telegraph lines.

335. The principal telegraph lines in Canada are in private hands, and the Government only own and operate those lines which have been built by them in furtherance of the public service, between places where the traffic could not be expected to be sufficient to compensate private outlay, but where public