

NUMBER OF POST OFFICES IN CANADA AND ESTIMATED NUMBER
AND NUMBER PER HEAD OF LETTERS AND POST
CARDS SENT, 1868 TO 1890.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Number of Post Offices.	ESTIMATED NUMBER SENT.				Number of Letters per Head.
		Registered Letters.	Free Letters.	Total Letters Posted.	Post Cards.	
1868..	3,638	704,750	733,100	18,100,000		5·37
1869..	3,756	850,000	874,000	21,920,000		6·42
1870..	3,820	1,000,000	1,034,000	24,500,000		7·09
1871..	3,943	1,100,000	1,218,000	*27,050,000		7·69
1872..	4,135	1,280,000	1,125,000	*30,600,000		8·47
1873..	4,518	1,377,000	1,091,000	*34,579,000		9·43
1874..	4,706	1,562,900	1,432,200	*39,358,500		10·28
1875..	4,892	1,750,000	1,290,000	*42,000,000		10·81
1876..	5,015	1,774,000	1,059,292	41,800,000	4,646,000	10·58
1877..	5,161	1,842,000	1,096,000	41,510,000	5,450,000	10·34
1878..	5,378	1,980,000	1,250,000	44,000,900	6,455,000	10·78
1879..	5,606	1,940,000	1,384,000	43,900,000	6,940,000	10·59
1880..	5,773	2,040,000	1,464,000	45,800,000	7,800,000	10·86
1881..	5,935	2,253,000	1,838,000	48,170,000	9,640,000	11·08
1882..	6,171	2,450,000	2,390,000	56,200,000	11,300,000	12·68
1883..	6,395	2,650,000	2,600,000	62,800,000	12,940,000	13·90
1884..	6,837	3,000,000	2,824,000	66,100,000	13,580,000	14·35
1885..	7,084	3,060,000	2,960,000	68,400,000	13,800,000	14·57
1886..	7,295	3,400,000	3,310,000	71,000,000	15,109,000	14·81
1887..	7,534	3,560,000	3,160,000	74,300,000	16,356,000	15·24
1888..	7,671	3,580,000	3,500,000	80,200,000	16,586,000	16·13
1889..	7,838	3,649,000	3,872,000	92,668,000	19,355,000	18·25
1890..	7,913	3,280,000	3,870,000	94,100,000	19,480,000	18·15

* Including post cards.

312. During the past year 75 new offices were opened, and the total number of offices is now considerably more than double the number at Confederation, there having been an increase of 4,275. As compared with 1889, there was a decrease of 369,000 in the number of registered letters and of 2,000 in that of free letters, but an increase of 1,432,000 in the total number of letters sent. The decrease in the number of registered letters was no doubt due to the increase of the registration fee from 2 cents to 5 cents, but the increase in the total number of letters was by no means so large as usual. As the total number is derived from an average struck four times a year, it may be that some special circumstances combined to reduce the correspondence during one or more of the enumer-

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in number
of letters
etc.