

ation periods, and that the increase in the number of letters, while not apparent in the above figures, was really as large as the progress of the country would suggest that it should be. The total number sent was more than five times the number sent in the first year of Confederation. For the first time since 1879 the number of letters per head of estimated population was smaller than in the preceding year. Post cards, which were first issued in 1871, have now reached the large total of 19,480,000, the increase over 1889 being 125,000, as compared with an increase of 2,769,000 in 1889 over 1888.

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313. The next table gives the number of newspapers, books, periodicals and parcels sent during the same period :—

NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS, BOOKS, CIRCULARS, PARCELS, &c.,
1868 TO 1890.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Newspapers and Periodicals posted otherwise than from Office of Pub- lication.	Newspapers and Periodicals posted from Office of Pub- lication.	Books, Circulars, Samples and Patterns, &c.	Parcels.	Total.	Number per Head.
1868.....	18,860,000			24,800	18,884,800	5.60
1869.....	18,700,000			38,720	18,738,720	5.49
1870.....	20,150,000			51,844	20,201,844	5.85
1871.....	22,250,000			64,160	22,314,160	6.34
1872.....	24,400,000			95,200	24,495,200	6.78
1873.....	25,480,000			112,300	25,592,300	6.98
1874.....	29,000,000			102,800	29,102,800	7.61
1875.....	31,300,000			131,352	31,431,352	8.08
1876.....	38,549,000		4,539,912	70,724	43,159,636	10.09
1877.....	39,000,000		4,638,000	90,000	43,728,000	10.09
1878.....	6,252,740	33,483,672	5,090,000	107,800	44,934,212	11.02
1879.....	5,610,000	36,769,086	5,054,000	206,600	47,637,686	11.49
1880.....	5,870,000	39,250,062	5,224,000	217,000	50,561,062	11.99
1881.....	5,980,000	42,709,068	6,000,000	331,500	55,020,568	12.66
1882.....	7,150,000	43,695,000	7,186,000	394,000	58,425,000	13.19
1883.....	7,402,000	45,737,266	8,724,000	463,200	62,326,266	13.80
1884.....	8,210,000	47,779,532	10,160,000	541,000	66,690,532	14.48
1885.....	8,760,000	49,821,798	10,500,000	600,000	69,681,798	14.84
1886.....	9,200,000	51,864,064	15,140,000	640,000	76,844,064	16.03
1887.....	10,340,000	53,906,326	20,000,000	820,000	85,066,326	17.45
1888.....	10,850,000	55,948,591	17,810,000	763,900	85,372,491	17.17
1889.....	12,269,000	57,990,856	17,053,000	519,400	87,832,256	17.30
1890.....	10,950,000	60,033,121	16,897,000	371,500	88,251,621	17.02