

## 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	1888	1,145	42,052,117	69.47
South Australia	1888	594	17,012,577	53.52
Western Australia	1888	78	2,104,500	49.74
Great Britain	1890	17,587	1,866,500,000	48.51
New South Wales	1888	1,203	48,986,000	46.03
Victoria	1888	1,544	47,700,776	44.91
United States	1889	58,999	2,500,000,000	39.92
Switzerland	1889	814	103,785,306	35.38
Queensland	1888	766	12,897,102	34.19
Tasmania	1888	278	4,716,244	32.68
German Empire	1889	23,410	1,337,743,170	28.55
Belgium	1889	821	146,820,417	24.84
Sweden	1888	2,377	113,061,236†	25.26
Netherlands	1889	1,235	96,986,339	22.09
France	1889	6,932	744,600,000	19.48
Canada	1890	7,913	113,580,000	21.91
Chili	1889	506	17,606,056*	6.97
Austria Hungary	1889	8,789	767,806,400	19.37
Norway	1889	1,217	27,685,900	13.91
Spain	1888	2,875	113,476,000	6.47
Italy	1889	5,316	206,162,433	6.89
Argentine Republic	1889	946†	43,930,824	12.79
Uruguay	1889	...	6,191,317	9.55
Cape of Good Hope	1889	762	13,597,243*	29.64
Portugal	1888	1,942	26,644,000	5.66
Greece	1888	249	6,524,000	3.79
Denmark	1888	782	43,258,000	21.47
Roumania	1888	300	19,141,816	3.48
Japan	1889	4,800	135,605,934	3.42
Servia	1889	91	8,902,026†	4.60
Brazil	1888	2,019	14,875,522*	1.06
Egypt	1888	171	9,112,000	1.34
Russia	1888	5,881	215,821,996	1.98
India	1889	17,600	260,628,110	1.24
Persia	1885	73	1,370,885	0.18
Turkey	1883	1,150	2,578,030	0.07

\* Letters only, † Including telegraph offices, ‡ Including all mail matter.

## PART II—TELEGRAPHS.

343. 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 interests required that there should be communication, especially in connection with the signal and other stations established by

Government telegraph lines.