

There was an increase in the number of letters of 1,168,960, and of newspapers of 439,036.

342. Owing to a change in the system of keeping accounts, it is no longer possible to give the postal revenue and expenditure by provinces.

343. The following are statements of the number of registered letters in each year since 1868, with particulars of their disposal since 1879 :—

REGISTERED LETTERS IN CANADA, 1868 TO 1891.

YEAR.	Estimated Number of Registered Letters.	Number per Head.	Failed to reach Destination	Sent to Dead Letter Office.	HOW DISPOSED OF.			
					Delivered to Address	Returned to Writers or Offices of origin.	Remaining in Office or with Postmaster for delivery.	Failed of delivery and found to contain no Value.
1868..	704,700	0·21	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1869..	805,000	0·24	41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1870..	1,000,000	0·29	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1871..	1,100,000	0·31	115	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1872..	1,277,000	0·35	38	2,500	.....	.....	.....	.....
1873..	1,377,000	0·37	30	3,089	.....	.....	.....	.....
1874..	1,562,000	0·41	100	3,557	.....	.....	.....	.....
1875..	1,750,000	0·45	52	3,270	.....	.....	.....	.....
1876..	1,774,000	0·45	54	3,856	.....	.....	.....	.....
1877..	1,842,000	0·46	64	5,888	.....	.....	.....	.....
1878..	1,980,000	0·49	65	6,767	.....	.....	.....	.....
1879..	1,940,000	0·47	57	9,682	477	7,810	98	1,295
1880..	2,040,000	0·48	70	9,132	364	7,695	93	980
1881..	2,253,000	0·52	29	10,216	755	8,825	95	541
1882..	2,450,000	0·56	113	9,182	616	8,138	93	333
1883..	2,650,000	0·60	148	10,706	1,004	9,125	146	431
1884..	3,000,000	0·67	105	12,948	4,025	8,192	220	511
1885..	3,060,000	0·67	229	16,340	4,277	11,072	246	745
1886..	3,400,000	0·74	160	17,856	3,878	13,963	119	896
1887..	3,560,000	0·76	166	21,612	4,833	15,525	122	1,132
1888..	3,580,000	0·76	197	19,618	6,345	11,788	664	821
1889..	3,649,000	0·77	243	23,091	*	20,933	847	1,311
1890..	3,280,000	0·68	149	19,994	*	13,171	1,109	5,714
1891..	3,292,000	0·68	155	11,120	*	9,354	261	1,525

* Included in letters returned to writers, or offices of origin.

Particulars of letters mis-carried, 1891.

344. Out of 3,292,000 registered letters estimated to have been sent in 1891, only 155 containing money failed altogether to reach their destination. The contents of 69 were made good by the officials held responsible for the loss, 24 were stolen, and in 33 cases no evidence