

Mail matter carried through-out the Union.

390. The number of pieces of postal matter distributed throughout the whole extent of the Union during 1890 was estimated at 7,500 million letters, 1,700 million post cards, 6,200 million newspapers, printed matter and official documents, 120 million samples, 275 million money orders, registered letters and letters of credit, valued at \$510,800,000, and 280 million parcels, valued at \$572,000,000, making a total of 16,075 million pieces of mail matter. The prevailing rates among Postal Union countries are: 5 cents per  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ounce and under for letters, 2 cents for post cards, and 1 cent per 2 ounces for newspapers, books, etc. The registration fee is 5 cents.†

Union rates.

Number of letters, etc. 1868-1892.

391. The following table gives the number of post offices in the Dominion, and the estimated number, and number per head, of letters and post cards sent in each year, from 1st July, 1867, to 30th June, 1892 :—

NUMBER OF POST OFFICES IN CANADA, AND ESTIMATED NUMBER AND NUMBER PER HEAD OF LETTERS AND POST CARDS SENT, 1868 TO 1892.

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	733,000	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	44,000,000	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	11·11
1882.....	6,171	2,450,000	2,390,000	56,200,000	11,300,000	12·82
1883.....	6,395	2,650,000	2,600,000	62,800,000	12,940,000	14·17
1884.....	6,837	3,000,000	2,824,000	66,100,000	13,580,000	14·74
1885.....	7,084	3,060,000	2,960,000	68,400,000	13,800,000	15·08
1886.....	7,295	3,400,000	3,310,000	71,000,000	15,109,000	15·48
1887.....	7,534	3,560,000	3,160,000	74,300,000	16,356,000	16·03
1888.....	7,671	3,580,000	3,500,000	80,200,000	16,586,000	17·12
1889.....	7,838	3,649,000	3,872,000	92,668,000	19,355,000	19·57
1890.....	7,913	3,280,000	3,870,000	94,100,000	19,480,000	19·65
1891.....	8,061	3,292,000	4,078,000	97,975,000	20,300,000	20·23
1892.....	8,288	3,286,700	4,606,000	102,850,000	20,815,000	20·99

† Almanach de Gotha, 1893.

\* Including post cards.