

in the total number sent, as compared with 1891, of 5,300, and in the number that miscarried of 8. In every 22,359 letters registered, 1 miscarried, a smaller proportion than in 1891, when it was 1 in 21,239 letters. It will be seen that the number of letters that failed to reach their destination was 8 less than in 1891.

Dead letters, 1868-1892.

407. The number of letters and other articles sent to the dead letter office in each year, since Confederation, is given below:—

LETTERS, POST CARDS, CIRCULARS, BOOKS, PARCELS, &c., RECEIVED AT THE DEAD LETTER OFFICE IN CANADA DURING THE YEARS 1868 TO 1892.

YEAR.	Total Number	HOW DISPOSED OF.						
		Returned to other Countries.	Delivered or Forwarded to Address	Returned to Writers.	Remaining in Office or with Post-master.	Failed of Delivery, contained no Value, Destroyed	Returned to Printed Address.	Returned to Government Department.
1868	312,220							
1869	307,889							
1870	324,291							
1871	335,508							
1872	380,810							
1873	426,886							
1874	508,160							
1875	572,127							
1876	587,376							
1877	563,484							
1878	630,847							
1879	540,429	49,952	12,645	195,689	558	262,464	19,119	
1880	592,385	63,755	12,546	219,728	1,380	270,764	19,622	4,590
1881	617,712	69,857	14,387	235,686	1,454	270,621	18,259	7,448
1882	658,762	76,820	12,083	279,566	2,258	264,122	19,166	4,744
1883	717,271	88,553	13,198	284,771	2,480	298,478	21,909	7,881
1884	764,731	106,843	24,124	275,497	2,269	321,229	25,254	9,515
1885	787,110	111,681	25,111	268,725	2,000	343,838	26,239	9,516
1886	753,489	97,556	25,744	258,491	14,155	320,953	26,769	9,821
1887	833,742	96,396	29,507	274,734	1,414	383,319	29,109	9,263
1888	916,929	95,184	31,601	358,213	10,680	380,404	30,968	9,879
1889	893,298	100,462	31,514	300,046	10,989	405,392	33,509	11,386
1890	922,541	104,059	18,330	270,209	4,415	479,182	36,667	9,679
1891	973,530	109,809	19,838	276,982	4,556	513,310	37,158	11,877
1892	1,057,781	121,133	22,600	306,703	7,539	547,309	38,913	13,584

Value of contents of dead letters.

408. There was an increase of 84,251 in the number of letters, &c., sent to the dead letter office, the total number having been the largest since Confederation. The number of letters containing money or other articles of value, received at the office during the year, was 29,358, and their contents were valued at \$815,155. Of the total number of dead letters, 111,826 originated in Canada and were returned as undelivered from other countries.