

NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS, BOOKS, CIRCULARS, PARCELS, &c.  
1868 TO 1893—*Concluded.*

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Newspapers and Periodicals posted otherwise than from Office of Publication.	Newspapers and Periodicals posted from Office of Publication.	Books, Circulars, Samples and Patterns, &c.	Parcels.	Total.	Number per Head.
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	12.69
1882. ....	7,150,000	43,695,000	7,186,000	394,000	58,425,000	13.33
1883. ....	7,402,000	45,737,266	8,724,000	463,200	62,326,266	14.06
1884. ....	8,210,000	47,779,532	10,160,000	541,000	66,690,532	14.87
1885. ....	8,760,000	49,821,798	10,500,000	600,000	69,681,798	15.36
1886. ....	9,200,000	51,864,064	15,140,000	640,000	76,844,064	16.75
1887. ....	10,340,000	53,906,326	20,000,000	820,000	85,066,326	18.35
1888. ....	10,850,000	55,948,591	17,810,000	763,900	85,372,491	18.22
1889. ....	12,269,000	57,990,856	17,053,000	519,400	87,832,256	18.54
1890. ....	10,950,000	60,033,121	16,897,000	371,500	88,251,621	18.43
1891. ....	*25,890,000	62,066,386	†2,143,000	325,960	90,425,346	18.66
1892. ....	*26,034,000	64,108,651	†2,266,600	345,660	92,754,911	18.91
1893. ....	*24,220,000	66,150,916	†2,626,200	343,000	93,340,116	18.81

\* Including books, circulars, samples, patterns, &c.

† Including packages of printers' copy, photographs, deeds, insurance policies and packets of merchandise, &c.

1133. In the figures in the first column for the years 1868 to 1877, inclusive, are included all newspapers and periodicals sent by mail, whether from the office of publication or otherwise. In 1877 a change was made in the regulations, and all newspapers, periodicals, &c., sent from the office of publication, were carried at the rate of 1 cent per pound, and the number carried has, since that date, been estimated in the above table at nine newspapers to one pound. By an Act that came into operation on the 1st June, 1882, all such newspapers were entirely exempted from postage, and have since been carried free of charge, and, as no attempt is now made to ascertain the number so carried, the figures given for the years 1883 to 1893, inclusive, can only be considered as an approximate estimate, and the probability is that they are below the mark. The rearrangement of the returns of periodicals, books, &c., furnished by the Post Office Department, unfortunately prevents any comparison with former years. There was a decrease in the number of parcels sent out of 2,660.