

or diminish the figures then obtained. The total number sent was nearly six times the number sent in the first year of Confederation; while the number of letters per head of estimated population is now almost four times what it was in 1868. Post cards, which were first issued in 1871, have now reached the large total of 23,695,000, the increase over 1893 being 905,000, as compared with an increase of 1,975,000 in 1893 over 1892.

1324. The next table gives the number of newspapers, books, periodicals and parcels sent during the same period:—

NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS, BOOKS, CIRCULARS, PARCELS, &c.
1868 TO 1894.

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, Domestic and Foreign.	Total.	Number per Head.
1868.....	18,860,000	.....	.....	24,800	18,884,800	5·60
1869.....	18,700,000	.....	.....	38,720	18,738,720	5·49
1870.....	20,150,000	.....	.....	51,844	20,201,844	5·85
1871.....	22,250,000	.....	.....	64,160	22,314,160	6·34
1872.....	24,400,000	.....	.....	95,200	24,495,200	6·78
1873.....	25,480,000	.....	.....	112,300	25,592,300	6·98
1874.....	29,000,000	.....	.....	102,800	29,102,800	7·61
1875.....	31,300,000	.....	.....	131,352	31,431,352	8·08
1876.....	38,549,000	.....	4,539,912	70,724	43,159,636	10·09
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	356,692	93,353,808	18·81
1894.....	*22,353,000	68,193,181	+2,715,000	356,680	93,617,861	18·64

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

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

1325. In the figures in the first column for the year 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