

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 1894.

YEAR.	Estimated Number of Register'd 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	2,878	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	*	9,334	261	1,525
1892.	3,286,700	0·67	147	24,691	*	13,479	259	†10,953
1893.	3,254,000	0·66	149	13,344	*	11,552	396	1,396
1894.	3,237,200	0·64	222	13,324	*	11,825	397	1,102

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

†This large number is accounted for by the fact that an immense number of franchise notices were returned N. C. F. and were refused by the sender and were destroyed.

Of 3,237,200 registered letters estimated to have been sent in 1894, only 222 containing money failed to reach their destination. The contents of 109 were made good by the officials, or others held responsible for the loss; 28 were stolen, and in 39 cases no evidence could be obtained to account for discrepancies. There was a decrease in the total number sent, as compared with 1893, of 16,800, and an increase in the number that miscarried of 73. In every 14,136 letters registered one miscarried, a larger proportion than in 1893, when it was one in 21,839 letters.