

The number of stamps, post bands, letter cards, post cards, &c., issued to postmasters during the year was 171,673,770, as compared with 164,186,000 in 1895, being an increase of 7,487,770, and almost the whole postal revenue is derived from this source, the amount received from the sale of stamps, post cards, letter cards, &c., in 1896 having been \$3,779,993.

## REGISTERED LETTERS IN CANADA, 1868 TO 1896.

YEAR.	Estimated Number of Registered 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	
1895.	3,183,200	0.63	164	28,858	*	15,189	1,339	12,330	
1896.	3,505,500	0.68	133	11,550	*	10,250	397	903	

\* 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 3,505,500 registered letters estimated to have been sent in 1896, only 133 containing money failed to reach their destination. The contents, or a portion thereof, of 39 were made good by the officials or others held responsible for the loss; 28 were stolen, 22 lost or mis-delivered, and in 27 cases no evidence could be obtained to account for discrepancies. There was an increase in the total number sent, as compared with 1895, of 322,300, and