

could be obtained to account for discrepancies. There was an increase in the total number sent, as compared with 1890, of 12,000, and in the number that miscarried of 6. In every 21,239 letters registered, 1 miscarried, a larger proportion than in 1890, when it was 1 in 22,013 letters. It will be seen that the number of letters that failed to reach their destination was only 6 more than in 1890, which is attributed to the special measures taken in 1889 to increase the safety of registered correspondence.

345. The number of letters and other articles sent to the dead letter office in each year, since Confederation, is given below :— Dead letters, 1868-1891.

LETTERS, POST CARDS, CIRCULARS, BOOKS, PARCELS, &c., RECEIVED AT THE DEAD LETTER OFFICE IN CANADA DURING THE YEARS 1868 TO 1891.

YEAR.	Total Number	HOW DISPOSED OF.						
		Re- turned to other Coun- tries.	Deli- vered or For- warded to Address	Re- turned to Writers.	Re- main- ing in Office or with Post- master.	Failed of Delivery, con- tained no Value, Destroyed	Re- turned to Printed Ad- dress.	Re- turned to Govern- ment Depart- ment.
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	11,414	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

346. There was an increase of 50,989 in the number of letters, &c., Value of contents of 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 17,477, and their contents were valued at \$302,436. Of the total