

portion to population, and the correspondence may be expected to be equally great, but it does not seem likely that it should, to such an extent, exceed and be out of all proportion to that of any other civilized country, and the high figures are probably caused by some defect in the system of enumeration, by which duplication occurs, or it may be by a more perfect system than is in use elsewhere. The system adopted in Canada does not do justice to the correspondence of the country, as no notice whatever is taken of the large number of letters which come from foreign countries.

NUMBER OF POST OFFICES AND NUMBER OF LETTERS AND POST CARDS SENT IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

COUNTRIES.	Year.	Number of Post Offices.	Number Sent.	Number per Head.
New Zealand .....	1889	1,189	44,151,393	71.93
South Australia.....	1889	593	16,388,607	50.99
Western Australia.....	1889	186	2,737,034	63.57
Great Britain .....	1891	18,806	1,935,250,000	51.19
New South Wales.....	1889	1,261	53,971,300	48.89
Victoria .....	1889	1,600	48,097,268	43.55
United States.....	1891	64,329	+3,800,000,000	60.68
Switzerland.....	1890	1,485	109,484,770	37.32
Queensland.....	1889	834	13,070,083	32.92
Tasmania.....	1889	293	4,703,324	31.61
German Empire.....	1890	24,970	1,425,176,950	30.42
Belgium.....	1890	819	148,917,533	25.19
Sweden.....	1889	2,246	+117,652,755	24.58
Netherlands.....	1890	.....	98,016,514	21.72
France.....	1889	6,932	777,900,000	20.55
Canada.....	1891	8,061	118,275,000	20.23
Chili.....	1889	506	17,606,056	6.40
Austria Hungary.....	1889	8,885	444,303,181	10.76
Norway.....	1890	.....	29,847,500	14.09
Spain.....	1889	2,880	113,606,000	6.47
Italy.....	1890	5,511	210,706,281	7.04
Argentine Republic.....	1890	*946	61,705,679	17.62
Uruguay.....	1890	.....	6,586,840	10.16
Cape of Good Hope.....	1890	797	16,971,186	11.11
Portugal.....	1889	2,712	29,057,000	6.17
Greece.....	1889	248	7,900,000	3.61
Denmark.....	1889	781	49,015,000	22.56
Romania.....	1890	340	7,037,465	1.28
Japan.....	1890	.....	154,441,419	3.85
Servia.....	1890	96	7,262,000	3.36
Brazil.....	1890	2,733	18,822,148	1.34
Egypt.....	1890	.....	18,096,700	2.65
Russia.....	1889	5,980	223,378,000	2.33
India.....	1890	19,196	278,118,510	1.26
Persia.....	1885	73	1,370,885	0.15
Turkey.....	1883	1,150	2,578,030	0.07

\* Including telegraph offices.      † Including all mail matter.