

Table No. 13.

REGISTERED ARTICLES.

The number of registered articles dealt with in 1908, compared with the numbers in 1890, 1900, and 1907, is as follows:—

	1890.	1900.	1907.	1908.
From places beyond the Dominion ...	26,374	52,343	107,128	110,648
Registered in the Dominion ...	169,321	464,036	716,512	860,656
Totals ...	195,695	516,379	823,640	971,304

DEAD LETTERS.

The number of inland, intercolonial, and international articles received and disposed of during the years 1907 and 1908 was as under:—

	1907.			1908.		
	Letters and Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Other Articles.	Letters and Letter-cards.	Post-cards.	Other Articles.
<i>Inland.</i>						
Returned, delivered, &c., through Dead-letter Office ..	141,677	1,588	22,955	154,027	2,000	17,406
Returned by Chief Postmasters direct ..	145,085	8,857	231,181	151,057	12,104	210,247
Destroyed in accordance with law ..	13,886	*9,669	83,445	12,604	†10,701	96,167
<i>Australian.</i>						
Originally addressed to other States:—						
Returned to writers ..	6,708	211	504	7,612	192	551
Destroyed in accordance with law ..	658	1,287	220	662	1,009	183
Returned to other States as unclaimed ..	16,210	2,765	13,349	15,216	2,475	12,549
<i>International.</i>						
Originally addressed to other countries:—						
Returned to writers ..	11,835	420	1,036	13,785	374	763
Destroyed in accordance with law ..	1,160	2,556	335	1,199	1,961	254
Returned to other countries as unclaimed ..	22,843	3,057	47,879	20,251	3,245	34,195
Totals ..	360,062	30,410	400,904	376,413	34,061	372,315

* Including 4,000 tinselled post-cards detained.

† Including 2,000 tinselled post-cards detained.

Table No. 14.

PARCEL-POST.

The following shows the number and weight of parcels posted during the years 1890, 1900, 1907, and 1908:—

	1890.	1900.	1907.	1908.
Number ...	121,292	199,413	680,935	860,380
Weight ...	336,643 lb. 12 oz.	682,140 lb. 7 oz.	2,289,472 lb. 7 oz.	2,824,567 lb. 10 oz.

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels exchanged with the United Kingdom and the undermentioned places during the years 1907 and 1908:—

Country.	Received.				Despatched.			
	1907.		1908.		1907.		1908.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.		lb. oz.
United Kingdom and foreign countries (<i>via</i> London)	91,065	487,962 8	*78,301	445,542 0	11,098	30,171 10	11,353	34,090 5
United States of America ..	4,924	13,349 5	5,602	17,049 3	1,124	2,381 9	1,165	2,902 0½
Canada ..	509	1,090 0	518	882 0	377	668 12	336	685 6
Victoria ..	8,377	25,748 0	8,774	29,855 2	3,453	7,200 6	3,569	6,858 10
New South Wales ..	12,153	34,936 0	12,419	36,344 8	5,257	9,833 7	5,103	11,687 11
South Australia ..	528	1,394 14	504	1,290 8	502	1,083 15	514	1,208 7
Queensland ..	759	1,699 2½	677	1,627 3	749	1,382 12	669	1,426 12
Tasmania ..	483	1,196 0	527	1,255 0	707	1,425 8	721	1,434 0
Western Australia ..	359	812 2	399	924 1½	530	1,065 15	521	1,084 9
Samoa ..	24	98 4	14	48 12	212	709 13	110	376 15
Fiji ..	133	314 2½	123	291 3	468	1,179 0	468	1,388 15
Ceylon ..	303	1,047 3½	390	1,643 14	103	347 0	84	216 13½
Uruguay	88	247 8	89	174 6
Cape Colony ..	418	664 8	431	761 9	185	322 5	144	266 1
Natal ..	105	169 4	100	162 14	300	560 3½	230	442 14½
India ..	862	8,954 12	994	4,870 2½	256	717 3½	252	1,009 7½
Totals ..	121,002	574,436 1½	109,773	542,548 0½	25,409	59,296 14½	25,328	65,258 4½

* The decrease in parcels received from the United Kingdom is due to the fact that the rates of postage on light but bulky parcels were raised by the London Post Office in July, 1907.