

Table No. 13.

REGISTERED ARTICLES.

The number of registered articles dealt with in 1912, compared with the number in 1890, 1900, 1910, and 1911, is as follows :—

	1890.	1900.	1910.	1911.	1912.
From places beyond the Dominion	26,374	52,343	132,493	152,349	142,686
Registered in the Dominion ...	169,321	464,036	993,675	*1,194,570	1,161,909
Totals ...	195,695	516,379	1,126,168	1,346,919	1,304,595

DEAD LETTERS.

	1911.	1912.
Opened and returned to writers ...	212,821	224,948
Returned unopened to other countries ...	54,591	59,457
Reissued ...	526	785
Destroyed ...	21,983	31,452
Returned unopened by Chief Postmasters ...	206,147	246,119
Totals ...	496,068	562,761

* This number is abnormal owing to the large amount of registered correspondence posted in connection with the General Election.

Table No. 14.

PARCEL-POST.

The following shows the number and weight of parcels posted during the years 1890, 1900, 1910, 1911, and 1912 :—

	1890.	1900.	1910.	1911.	1912.
Number	121,292	199,413	1,190,711	1,613,010	1,623,830
Weight	336,643 lb. 12 oz.	682,140 lb. 7 oz.	3,953,284 lb. 15 oz.	5,392,360 lb. 3 oz.	5,279,140 lb. 12 oz.

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels exchanged with the United Kingdom and the undermentioned places during the years 1911 and 1912 :—

Country.	Received.				Despatched.			
	1911.		1912.		1911.		1912.	
	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)	93,998	530,896 0	101,630	589,085 0	13,112	42,041 10	13,719	44,236 11
United States of America ..	7,591	26,683 6	9,506	34,483 5	1,095	2,931 6	1,196	3,265 8
Canada ..	568	1,094 8	839	1,674 0	377	866 8	463	1,217 9
Victoria ..	8,358	27,140 14	8,703	28,843 14	3,140	7,720 3	3,231	8,485 13
New South Wales..	13,262	42,214 0	14,625	45,727 0	5,357	12,552 8	5,561	13,065 0
South Australia ..	519	1,403 13	496	1,232 4	415	968 14	488	1,090 5
Queensland ..	878	1,933 9	830	2,053 0	897	2,092 10	865	1,880 11
Tasmania ..	473	1,173 0	527	1,422 2	694	1,535 6	788	1,754 2
Western Australia..	371	834 14	455	1,091 6	476	1,101 3	496	1,395 3
Samoa ..	16	88 6	25	66 6	157	612 11	187	759 12
Fiji ..	137	350 10	101	298 2	511	1,420 1	682	2,043 0
Ceylon ..	549	2,732 3	643	3,230 14	70	216 13	55	172 3
Uruguay ..	..	..	..	..	97	318 12	120	392 1
Cape of Good Hope ..	463	775 10	421	718 1	115	364 12	66	156 2
Natal ..	32	42 5	..	..	243	667 1	314	719 5
India ..	1,138	5,765 6	1,370	7,278 6	235	842 9	318	1,233 5
Tonga ..	16	68 3	11	20 11	280	914 13	266	977 2
Hong Kong ..	357	1,492 11	391	1,832 6	96	248 15	112	377 1
Straits Settlements ..	..	..	131	404 11	..	..	40	89 14
Totals ..	128,726	644,689 6	140,704	719,461 8	27,367	77,416 11	28,967	83,310 11

Table No. 15.

SAN FRANCISCO, VANCOUVER, AND SUEZ SERVICES.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Days occupied in the Delivery of Mails between London and the undermentioned Places by the San Francisco Mail-service.

FROM LONDON VIA SAN FRANCISCO.

	Auckland.	Wellington.	Christchurch.	Dunedin.	Sydney.	Melbourne.
Maximum (in days) ...	39	38	39	40	43	*
Minimum " ...	33	32	33	33	37	...
Average " ...	36	35	36	36	40	...

* No mails received.