

Table No. 12.

REGISTERED ARTICLES.

The number of registered articles dealt with in 1917, compared with the number in 1890, 1900, 1910, and 1916, is as follows:—

	1890.	1900.	1910.	1916.	1917.
From places beyond the Dominion	26,374	52,343	132,493	136,919	144,659
Registered in the Dominion ...	169,321	464,036	993,675	1,362,559	1,619,851
Totals ...	195,695	516,379	1,126,168	1,499,478	1,764,510

DEAD LETTERS.

	1916.	1917.
Opened and returned to writers ...	292,266	296,472
Returned unopened to other countries ...	47,800	39,413
Reissued ...	23,046*	65,088*
Destroyed ...	46,213	39,098
Returned unopened by Chief Postmasters ...	198,174	212,568
Returned unopened to other countries by Chief Postmasters ...	22,515	13,790
Totals ...	630,014	666,429

* Includes letters addressed to soldiers.

Table No. 13.

PARCEL-POST.

The following shows the number and weight of parcels posted during the years 1890, 1900, 1910, 1916, and 1917:—

—	1890.	1900.	1910.	1916.	1917.
Number	121,292	199,413	1,190,711	3,103,711	3,295,539
Weight	336,643 lb. 12 oz.	682,140 lb. 7 oz.	3,953,284 lb. 15 oz.	12,504,648 lb.	14,171,140 lb.

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels exchanged with the United Kingdom and the undermentioned places during the years 1916 and 1917:—

Country.	Received.				Despatched.			
	1916.		1917.		1916.		1917.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
		lb.		lb.		lb.		lb.
United Kingdom and foreign countries (via London)	116,432	763,764	105,368	564,562	23,964	90,154	33,810	135,961
United States of America ..	23,236	127,358	32,904	209,918	2,087	7,447	1,793	6,324
New Zealand Expeditionary Force	2,516	6,108	891	1,931	251,164	960,841	392,235	1,498,537
Canada ..	1,864	9,857	1,836	9,011	785	2,690	593	1,773
Victoria ..	8,525	30,766	9,609	38,372	3,572	9,615	3,613	9,980
New South Wales ..	18,446	55,624	16,087	57,193	12,814	40,675	11,593	37,230
South Australia ..	566	1,515	550	1,577	487	1,253	557	1,543
Queensland ..	982	2,667	913	2,437	1,034	2,448	956	2,651
Tasmania ..	418	1,079	217	487	711	1,692	697	1,590
Western Australia ..	438	945	362	906	496	1,452	452	1,077
Fiji ..	311	705	406	904	1,054	3,493	1,143	3,874
Ceylon ..	524	2,635	237	1,215	629*	3,280	83	343
Uruguay ..	..	..	..	..	66	278	..	..
Cape of Good Hope ..	889	1,206	1,375	1,837	74	246	113	370
Natal ..	..	..	..	..	337	897	283	719
India ..	2,500	4,742	1,293	5,869	1,108	5,062	697	3,464
Tonga ..	41	153	43	140	344	1,328	425	1,592
Tahiti ..	..	..	7	34	214	1,118	337	1,780
Hong Kong ..	1,048	7,326	1,241	9,681	154	708	164	707
Straits Settlements ..	117	387	103	346	78	323	101	387
Totals ..	178,853	1,016,837	173,442	906,320	301,172	1,135,005	449,645	1,709,902

* Including parcels for His Majesty's ships.