

Table No. 13.

REGISTERED ARTICLES.

The number of registered articles dealt with in 1909, compared with the numbers in 1890, 1900, and 1908, is as follows:—

	1890.	1900.	1908.	1909.
From places beyond the Dominion	26,374	52,343	110,648	127,197
Registered in the Dominion	169,321	464,036	860,656	971,987
Totals	195,695	516,379	971,304	1,099,184

DEAD LETTERS.

	1908.	1909.
Opened and returned to writers	177,535	174,730
Returned unopened to other countries	41,187	47,665
Reissued	455	737
Destroyed	28,136	19,238
Returned unopened by Chief Postmasters	163,161	186,396
Totals	410,474	428,766

Table No. 14.

PARCEL-POST.

The following shows the number and weight of parcels posted during the years 1890, 1900, 1908, and 1909:—

	1890.	1900.	1908.	1909.
Number	121,292	199,413	860,380	1,039,605
Weight	336,643 lb. 12 oz.	682,140 lb. 7 oz.	2,824,567 lb. 10 oz.	3,369,916 lb. 3 oz.

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels exchanged with the United Kingdom and the undermentioned places during the years 1908 and 1909:—

Country.	Received.				Despatched.			
	1908.		1909.		1908.		1909.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
United Kingdom and foreign countries (via London)	78,301	445,542 0	77,481	436,390 0	11,353	34,090 5	12,293	36,670 11
United States of America	5,602	17,049 3	5,681	17,618 1	1,165	2,902 0½	1,154	2,994 15
Canada	518	882 0	595	1,291 0	336	685 6	335	758 4
Victoria	8,774	29,855 2	8,298	28,670 4	3,569	6,858 10	3,375	7,544 3
New South Wales	12,419	36,344 8	12,499	35,765 0	5,103	11,687 11	5,008	11,433 2
South Australia	504	1,290 8	525	1,429 4	514	1,208 7	491	1,201 13
Queensland	677	1,627 3	720	1,647 13	669	1,426 12	785	1,729 12
Tasmania	527	1,255 0	551	1,394 0	721	1,434 0	782	1,756 11
Western Australia	399	924 1½	378	847 15	521	1,084 9	507	1,259 2
Samoa	14	48 12	10	27 8	110	376 15	165	698 7
Fiji	123	291 3	146	342 12	468	1,888 15	519	1,461 1
Ceylon	390	1,643 14	432	1,914 5½	84	216 13½	89	316 8
Uruguay	89	174 6	96	258 6
Cape Colony	431	761 9	425	698 10	144	266 1	167	307 0
Natal	100	162 14	94	149 5	230	442 14½	245	468 7
India	994	4,870 2½	1,021	5,108 12½	252	1,009 7½	280	1,040 9
Tonga	12	19 6	10	16 4	111	268 10	151	415 11
Totals	109,785	542,567 6½	108,866	533,310 14	25,439	65,521 14½	26,442	70,314 10

* The small decrease in the number of parcels received from the United Kingdom is no doubt still due to the increased rate charged in London on light but bulky parcels.