

AVERAGE NUMBER OF LETTERS POSTED PER UNIT OF POPULATION.

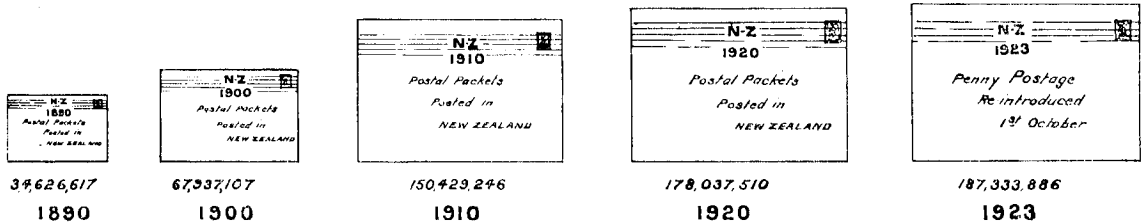
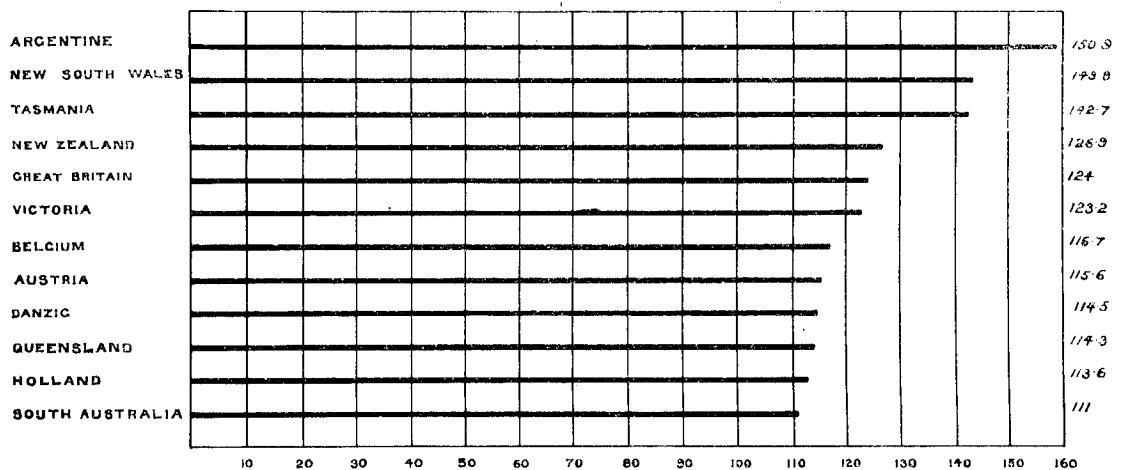
1923, 96.2 ; 1922, 93.5.

NUMBER OF POST-OFFICES IN DOMINION.

Offices opened during year, 35 ; offices closed during year, 52 ; offices remaining open on 31st December, 1923, 2,126.

NUMBER OF
POSTAL PACKETS POSTED IN THE DOMINION

FOR THE YEARS: 1890, 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1923.

NUMBER OF
POSTAL PACKETS POSTED PER HEAD OF POPULATIONFOR THE
FIRST TWELVE COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.

UNDELIVERABLE POSTAL PACKETS.

The following is a comparison of letters and other articles dealt with as undeliverable during the year, compared with those dealt with during 1921 :

Year.	Returned direct to Senders through Chief Offices.	Returned direct to Senders through Dead Letter Office.	Returned to other Administrations through Chief Offices.	Returned to other Administrations through Dead Letter Office.	Destroyed (Senders unknown and Contents of no Value).	Total.
<i>Letters.</i>						
1923 ..	239,807	225,439	50,184	36,857	16,810	569,097
1922 ..	275,553	201,465	46,061	32,272	25,664	581,015
<i>Other Articles.</i>						
1923 ..	127,907	4,193	40,653	19,725	..	192,478
1922 ..	108,101	3,266	34,467	6,996	..	152,830

The proportion of undeliverable letters to the total number of letters delivered was 0.43 per cent., as against 0.46 per cent. in 1922.

MISCELLANEOUS.

	1923.	1922.
Letters and letter-cards posted without addresses ..	16,173	11,553
Letters imperfectly and insufficiently addressed ..	20,823	17,849
Letters bearing libellous addresses intercepted ..	56	63
Registered letters unclaimed ..	9,047	8,604
Newspapers received without addresses ..	3,893	4,331
Other articles received without addresses ..	3,635	4,371
Newspapers returned to publishers as undeliverable ..	27,780	23,642
Articles bearing previously used stamps ..	104	66