

Table No. 12.

REGISTERED ARTICLES.

The number of registered articles dealt with in 1918, compared with the number in 1890, 1900, 1910, and 1917, is as follows:—

	1890.	1900.	1910.	1917.	1918.
From places beyond the Dominion	26,374	52,343	132,493	144,659	162,910
Registered in the Dominion	169,321	464,036	993,675	1,619,851	1,659,135
Totals	195,695	516,379	1,126,168	1,764,510	1,822,045

DEAD LETTERS.

	1917.	1918.
Opened and returned to writers	296,472	294,563
Returned unopened to other countries	39,413	38,940
Reissued	65,088*	177,384*
Destroyed	39,098	32,533
Returned unopened by Chief Postmasters	212,568	253,775
Returned unopened to other countries by Chief Postmasters	13,790	23,789
Totals	666,429	820,984

* 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, 1917, and 1918:—

—	1890.	1900.	1910.	1917.	1918.
Number	121,292	199,413	1,190,711	3,295,539	3,337,763
Weight	336,643 lb. 12 oz.	682,140 lb. 7 oz.	3,953,284 lb. 15 oz.	14,171,140 lb.	14,439,737 lb.

The following table shows the number and weight of parcels exchanged with the United Kingdom and the undermentioned places during the years 1917 and 1918:—

Country.	Received.				Despatched.			
	1917.		1918.		1917.		1918.	
	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.	Number.	Weight.
		lb.		lb.		lb.		lb.
United Kingdom and foreign countries (via London)	105,368	564,562	140,453	718,107	33,810	135,961	84,583	525,076
United States of America ..	32,904	209,918	60,852	432,851	1,793	6,324	1,832	7,402
New Zealand Expeditionary Force	891	1,931	1,415	3,964	392,235	1,498,537	442,318	1,594,284
Canada	1,836	9,011	2,654	14,998	593	1,773	1,116	6,955
Victoria	9,609	38,372	12,303	56,688	3,613	9,980	3,253	9,697
New South Wales ..	16,087	57,193	20,869	92,452	11,593	37,230	6,010	17,482
South Australia ..	550	1,577	570	1,909	557	1,543	456	1,386
Queensland	913	2,437	1,061	3,515	956	2,651	874	2,479
Tasmania	217	487	235	571	697	1,590	511	1,373
Western Australia..	362	906	317	699	452	1,077	399	1,052
Fiji	406	904	423	1,014	1,143	3,874	1,145	3,539
Ceylon	237	1,215	336	1,614*	83	343	177*	707
Cape of Good Hope	1,375	1,837	714	1,654	113	370	69	175
Natal	..	..	..	..	283	719	251	769
India	1,293	5,869	1,375	6,702	697	3,464	675*	3,058
Tonga	43	140	48	155	425	1,592	507	1,985
Tahiti	7	34	7	57	337	1,780	977	7,765
Hong Kong	1,241	9,681	2,682	23,840	164	707	207	1,012
Straits Settlements	103	346	119	397	101	387	130	499
Totals	173,442	906,320	246,433	1,361,187	449,645	1,709,902	545,490	2,186,695

* Including parcels for His Majesty's ships.