

## DEAD LETTERS.

922,541 letters, circulars, post cards, &c., passed through, and were dealt with in the Dead Letter Branch of the Canada Post Office during the year, as shown by the following classification :—

Dead letters originating in Canada, returned as undelivered by the British Post Office.....	10,443
Dead letters originating in Canada, returned as undelivered by the United States Post Office.....	98,281
Dead letters originating in Canada returned as undelivered by British Colonies and foreign countries..	1,572
	110,296
Less,—Registered letters included therein and transferred to registered class.....	2,840
	107,456
Dead letters, circulars, post cards, &c., returned from Canada Post Office.....	718,863
Dead letters registered being found to contain value.....	20,642
Dead letters, circulars, post cards, &c., sent to the Dead Letter Branch for special reason, such as insufficient address, non-payment of postage, &c.....	*75,580
	922,541

\*NOTE.—Of this number 4,165 were registered or contained articles of value, the remainder, 71,415, being ordinary letters.

The work of the Dead Letter Office would be greatly facilitated if the writers of letters would be careful to give their addresses, and to sign their names in full, as it frequently happens that only the initials are given.

About eight per cent. of the letters which reach the Dead Letter Office fail to go forward to destination from insufficient prepayment of postage, or from want of proper address.

A letter bearing the following address :—

MR. G. MARBERETT,  
at a farm,  
1,700 miles beyond Montreal,  
North-West Territory,  
Canada.

reached the Dead Letter Office last year, which it is needless to say the Department was unable to deliver.