

PARCEL POST.

The number of Parcels passing by post is estimated to have been as follows for the year 1872 :--

—	Number of Parcels.	Amount of Postage.
Ontario and Quebec	74,000	\$ 11,960
New Brunswick	7,100	1,240
Nova Scotia	13,000	2,480
Total	94,100	15,680

In 1868 the number of parcels was estimated at 24,800 ; revenue, \$ 4,960
In 1869 do do 38,740 do 6,812
In 1870 do do 51,844 do 9,529
In 1871 do do 64,220 do 12,416
In 1872 do do 94,100 do 15,680

This is a very remarkable rate of increase, for both the number of Parcels and the Revenue from this source have more than trebled in the last four years.

DEAD LETTERS.

The number of Dead Letters passing through the Canada Dead Letter Office in 1872 was 380,810, being a percentage of about $1\frac{1}{4}$ on the total number of letters carried in the mails.

Dead Letters returned from the United Kingdom and from the United States as having originated it Canada.....	70,717
Dead Letters sent in from Post Offices in Canada	310,093
Total	380,810

7,465 letters were sent to the Dead Letter Office because the addresses were unintelligible or insufficient.

2,500 Registered Letters were sent in as dead letters for various reasons which had caused the delivery to fail at the addresses given ; of these, 2,275 had originated in Canada, and were opened and returned to the writers.