

REGISTERED LETTERS WHICH MISCARRIED FROM VARIOUS CAUSES.

Classification of Cases.	Ontario and Quebec.	New Brunswick.	Nova Scotia.
Registered Letters contained in Mail Bags or Packages stated not to have reached the Post Offices for which they were destined ..	4	.....	.....
Cases in which responsibility for loss of Registered Letters could be ascertained, and in which the Losses were consequently made good by the Officer of the Post Office in fault or responsible.....	16	1	.....
Registered Letters stolen from Post Offices by burglars.....	9	.....	.....
do accidentally destroyed by fire	8	.....	.....
Total.....	37	1	.....

It was computed, last year, that the miscarriage of Registered Letters from various causes, exclusive of destruction by fire, was as one in 1,8000, and this year, from all causes, the average appears to have been only as one in 33,600.

CASES WHEREIN REGISTERED LETTERS REACHED THEIR DESTINATION WITH PROVEN OR ALLEGED LOSS OF CONTENTS OR OF PART OF CONTENTS.

	Ontario and Quebec.	New Brunswick.	Nova Scotia.
Cases where contents or part of contents were stated to be missing without evidence to account for the discrepancy.....	32	8	4
Cases wherein proof of loss from careless treatment or exposure of Letters unduly to risk whilst in charge of the Post Office was ascertained, and loss made good by the Officer of the Post Office responsible	30	.....	.....
Total.....	62	8	4

The clause in the Act of 1869, respecting larceny, which made it a misdemeanor to falsely pretend or allege that money or other value had been sent in a post letter which had not been so sent, has had a beneficial effect in checking the occurrence of such attempts at fraud, which had become so numerous as to be embarrassing to the Post Office. A conviction was had for this offence, in respect to a registered letter posted at Clayton, Ontario, in August, 1872, and the offender was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labor.