

## REGISTRATION.

The estimated number of Registered letters passing by Post in the Dominion was, for this year, 2,450,000.

Of this number 113 were stated to have miscarried from various causes, for the most part of a description beyond the scope of any system of Registration.

In 81 cases out of the 113, the letters were stolen from Post Offices by burglars lost by mail robberies whilst under conveyance, or accidentally destroyed by fire with the mails in which they were contained. Of the other 32 letters, the loss in 24 cases was traced to the officers of the Post Office responsible for the negligence or other misconduct which occasioned the miscarriage, and the value contained was made good by them; but in the remaining 8 cases this could not be accomplished.

The aggregate amount of value contained in these 8 letters was stated to have been \$234.55.

Whilst the number of Registered letter casualties from burglary, mail robbery and fire was above the ordinary average the cases in which there were alleged losses of the contents, or of part of the contents of Registered letters were fewer than usual.

## DEAD LETTERS.

The number of ordinary dead letters, circulars, post cards, &c., received at the Dead Letter Office during the year was.....	568,310
Received from the United Kingdom.....	7,664
“ “ United States.....	98,050
“ “ British Colonies.....	635
“ “ Foreign Countries.....	186
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	106,535
Less—Registered letters transferred to special class.....	922
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	105,613
Received from Post Offices in Canada.....	462,697
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	568,310

The number of letters, circulars, post cards, &c., sent to the Dead Letter Office for special reasons, such as want of proper address, non-payment of postage, &c., was.....	90,452
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Total.....	658,762
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