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GIGANTIC G.P.O. MAIL

Why three million items were not delivered

For the year ending March last the General Post Office collected, sorted, transported and delivered 6,200,000,000 letters and circulars weighing approximately 50,000 tons.

During the same period the G.P.O. handled 190,000,000 parcels - including 2,658,000 inland cash-on-delivery parcels - with a total weight of 240,000 tons.

The G.P.O., however, was unable to deliver no fewer than 3,000,000 letters and parcels which had to be deposited with the Returned Letter Section, popularly known as the "Dead Letter Office".

Non-delivery was due mainly to incorrect addressing, and it was impossible to return many of these letters and parcels because the senders had neglected to enclose their addresses.

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