

CANADA.—Continued.

Officers are employed on these packets for the purpose of sorting the mails ready for delivery at all the larger offices in Canada, and for the various railways; by this means the delivery of mail matter is very considerably accelerated. The other mail is forwarded to Boston and New York alternately.

Letters are forwarded from England to Canada by the first outward steamer, unless marked "by Canadian Packet," or "by British Packet," in which case they will be forwarded by the mail line thus designated.

*Mail Matter exempt from Postage.*

Allailable matter sent to or by the Governor General, or sent to or from any Public Department at the Seat of Government, or to or from any member of the Legislature at the Seat of Government during Session or ten days before the meeting of Parliament. Letters on Her Majesty's Service passing between the United Kingdom and Canada to any of the Imperial Military Departments. Periodicals devoted to the education of youth, Agriculture, Temperance, or any branch of Science.

*Registration of Letters.*

Parties posting letters containing articles of value should have them Registered, and obtain a certificate of such registration from the office when posted.

The Registration fee on letters circulating in Canada or the Provinces of British America is 2 cents; on letters to the United States, 5 cents; and on those for the United Kingdom, 8 cents; for British Colonies, 25 cents; for France and letters passing through France, an amount equal to the postage rate. The Registration fee, together with the postage, must be pre-paid, or the letter will not be Registered.

The object of Registration is not to make the Postal Authorities responsible, but in order that a letter or package may be traced through the various offices which it passes, and when loss is sustained by the negligence or carelessness of any party through whose hands it has passed, such individual is bound to make good the amount or value of such packet.

*Parcel Post.*

Parcels may be posted for circulation in and between Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick only, at the following rates, which must be paid in advance:—

Not exceeding 1 lb.....	25 cents.	Above 2 lbs., not exceeding 3 lbs.....	75 cents.
Above 1 lb., not exceeding 2 lbs.....	50 "	Registration Fee.....	05 "

No letter must be enclosed. No parcel shall contain anything liable to injure the mail. The weight must not be over 3 pounds, nor the size exceed one foot in length or breadth, or six inches in thickness.

*Canadian Pattern and Sample Post.*

Patterns and samples may be transmitted within the Province of Canada only at the rate of 1 cent per oz., pre-paid by postage stamp, and may be registered on payment of a fee of 5 cents.

*Newspaper Post.*

Newspapers published in Canada and sent to any other place within the Province, if paid quarterly in advance by either the publisher or by the party to whom they are delivered, may pass at the following rates:—

Once a week.....	6½ cents a quarter.	Thrice a week,...	20 cents a quarter.
Twice ".....	13 "	Daily.....	40 "

If not paid in advance at the commuted rate, the charge is the same as on papers received from the United States: 1 cent each. The commuted rate applies to the United States, United Kingdom, and the Lower Provinces. To Newfoundland the postage is 3 cents each. Exchanges from the Lower Provinces, United States and Canada, pass free of Canadian postage.

*Pattern and Sample Post with the United Kingdom.*

The following are the Regulations for the transmission of Samples and Patterns of merchandize between Canada and the United Kingdom:—

- 1st. Samples of seeds, drugs, and similar articles for delivery in the United Kingdom, may be sent in bags entirely closed, provided such bags be transparent.
- 2nd. Scissors, knives, razors, forks, steel pens, nails, keys, watch machinery, metal tubing, pieces of metal or ore, and such like articles, are allowed to be forwarded by post as samples, provided they be packed so as to be convenient to the mails and the officers of the Post Office. They must be so put up as to be easily examined. Any packet found insufficiently guarded shall not be forwarded.
- 3rd. No packet of patterns or samples must exceed 24 ozs. in weight.

*Colonial and Foreign Pattern and Sample Post.*

A packet of patterns or samples sent to France, must not exceed 24 inches in length, width or depth; to any other place abroad, must not exceed 24 inches in length, or 12 inches in breadth or depth. Patterns or samples sent to Germany or Belgium, must not exceed 8 ozs. in weight.

None of the articles named in Rule 2 may be sent as patterns or samples to any place abroad, except Germany, Belgium, or the British Colonies, and not to these places when addressed "via France."

Closed bags, though transparent, must not be used for the transmission of seeds to foreign parts.