

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.—PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

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Letter Postage.

On Letters circulating within the Island the postage is (if pre-paid) 2d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.; if unpaid, 4d. To Canada or New Brunswick 3d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., pre-payment optional. To Nova Scotia, if paid, 3d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.; if unpaid, 6d.; United States, 6d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. On letters to the United Kingdom the charge is 9d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., if pre-paid; if unpaid a fine of 6d. additional is charged on delivery. The rate to New Zealand, Australia, or India is 1s. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., which must be pre-paid. On letters for California or Oregon the rate is 9d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., pre-payment optional.

Book Post.

Books may be forwarded to the United Kingdom at the following rates:—

Under 4 ounces..... 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. | Over 8 ounces, and under 1 lb..... 1s. 0d.
Over 4 ozs., and under 8 ozs..... 9 d. | and 9d. additional every 8 ounces.

Printed matter, Prices Current, and Hand-Bills, 1d. per ounce.

Newspapers.

Newspapers for Newfoundland, Bermuda, and the West India Islands, and Foreign Countries, must be pre-paid 1d. stg. each; on those to India and Australia, 2d. stg. each, must be pre-paid.

Parcel Post.

Parcels may be forwarded at the following rates:—

Under 1 lb..... 1s. 3d. | Exceeding 2 lbs. and under 3 lbs..... 3s. 9d.
Exceeding 1 lb. and under 2 lbs..... 2 6 | Registration fee..... 0 3

The Parcel must be posted under the following conditions:—No parcel must exceed 3 lbs. in weight, or 1 foot in length; the postage must be pre-paid by stamps; the words "By Parcel Post" must be plainly written on the outside. No letters can be enclosed. When the name and address of the sending party are written on the outside of the parcel, should it fail in delivery, it will be returned to the party posting it.

The mails from P. E. Island for Nova Scotia, &c., are made up twice-a-week during the Summer both for Pictou and Brulé, and for New Brunswick and the United States, *via* Shediac, three times. Steamers are under contract with the Government to perform this service. During the winter these mails all cross by ice-boat from Cape Traverse to Cape Tormentine thrice-a-week.

RECAPITULATION.

The following is a statement showing the extent of Mail Service and amount of Postal Revenue of all the British American Provinces for the year 1865:—

	No. of Post Offices.	No. of Miles of Mail Route.	No. of Miles of Annual Mail Travel.	No. of Letters per Annum.	Postal Revenue.	Postal Expendit're.
Canada	2,197	16,309	6,350,000	12,000,000	\$834,097	\$851,871
New Brunswick....	414	3,172	751,728	1,570,133	53,279	71,907
Nova Scotia.....	594	4,668	1,005,078	1,725,000	71,660	80,947
Newfoundland.....	42	1,136	64,000	*150,000	4,965	16,489
P. E. Island.....	95	*1,000	*200,000	*500,000	6,208	18,000
Total	3,342	26,285	8,370,806	15,945,133	\$970,209	\$1,039,214

The Money Order transactions were as follow:—

	No. Issued.	No. Paid.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.
Canada	45,473	36,063	1,454,083	1,301,092
New Brunswick....	4,664	4,009	211,313	187,821
Nova Scotia.....	9,286	7,683	378,716	335,159
Newfoundland.....	590	117	10,570	2,543
P. E. Island.....	*800	*700	*20,000	*30,000
Total	60,813	48,572	2,074,682	1,846,615

The amounts marked thus * are estimated.

