

Letter Rates to the United Kingdom, if by Canadian Packet, not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.,	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents.
Exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. and not exceeding 1 oz.....	25 "
" 1 oz. " " 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.....	37 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

and so on increasing one rate of postage for each additional $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. If letters for the United Kingdom are posted unpaid, they will be charged a fine of 6d. sterling in addition to the postage on delivery.

On letters from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, when forwarded by Canadian steamer from Portland during the winter, the charge is 15 cents, as there is a transit rate of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents for passing through the States.

The postage on letters by the Cunard line is 15 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., and an additional 15 cents for every $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., with a fine of 6d. sterling if posted unpaid or only partially pre-paid.

But from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick by Inman steamer from Halifax to Great Britain the postage is 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.—unpaid or short paid letters being charged an additional 6d. sterling as a fine.

Letters for the Dominion of Canada are forwarded thrice per week from Great Britain. On Thursdays by the Canadian packets from Liverpool, calling at Londonderry to receive the latest mails, telegrams and passengers, arriving in summer at Quebec, and during the winter months at Portland. Officers are employed on these for the purpose of sorting the mails so as to be 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. Another mail is forwarded by the Inman line from Liverpool, via Queenstown, calling fortnightly at Halifax with Canadian mails, and from thence proceeding to New York. A third mail is despatched by Cunard steamer, leaving Liverpool every Saturday, calling at Queenstown on Sunday, and from thence sailing direct to New York.

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 sent by the mail line thus designated.

The mails by these steamers are despatched from this side; by Canadian line on Saturday from Quebec in summer and Portland in winter; by Inman steamer on Friday from Halifax every alternate week; and by Cunard packet every Wednesday from New York.

Mail Matter exempt from Postage.

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

The last clause will be suspended on and after 1st January, 1869, from which date no printed matter will pass free, with the exception of exchange newspapers.

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 Quebec and Ontario, 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, should be pre-paid by postage stamp.

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 package.

Parcel Post.

Parcels may be posted for circulation in the Dominion only, at the following rates, which must be paid in advance:—

Not exceeding 8 ozs.....	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts.	Above 1 lb. and not exceed'g 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	37 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts.
Above 8 oz. and not exceeding 1 lb..	25 "	" 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.,	" 2 lbs. 50 "
Registration Fee.....			5 "

No parcel to exceed 4 lbs. in weight. No letter must be enclosed. No parcel shall contain anything liable to injure the mail. The size is limited to two feet in length, one foot in breadth or thickness. The postage must be pre-paid by stamps. Unpaid parcels will not be forwarded, but short paid parcels will be sent on with a fine of 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents in addition to any postage that may remain unpaid.

Pattern and Sample Post.

Patterns or samples of merchandise may be transmitted within the Dominion 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. Short paid packages of samples will be fined 5 cents. No packet should exceed 24 ozs., or be more than 24 inches in length, or 12 in depth, or breadth. No letter should be enclosed, or anything liable to injure the contents of the mail. Parcels should be so made up that they may be easily examined by the officers of the Post Office.

Pattern and Sample Post with the United Kingdom, British Colonies, and Foreign Countries.

The following are the regulations for the transmission of Samples and Patterns of merchandise between the Dominion of Canada and the United Kingdom:—