

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 tu ing, pieces of metal or ore, and such like articles, are allowed to be forwarded by post as samples, to the United Kingdom, Germany, and Belgium, provided they be packed so as not to injure 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 will not be forwarded.

Patterns or samples of merchandise now circulate between Canada and the following countries, but must not exceed the undermentioned weights and sizes :—

Destination.	Weight.	Size.	Rate per oz.				
			Not exceeding 2 oz.	2 to 4 oz.	4 to 8 oz.	8 to 1 lb.	
United Kingdom.	24 oz.	24 inches long or 12 in breadth or depth.....	Cts. 7	Cts. 7	Cts. 12½	Cts. 12½	
France	36 "			5	10	20	40
Portugal	16 "	18 inches long or 12 in breadth or depth	5	10	17	34	
Azores	16 "			5	10	17	34
Madeira	16 "		5	10	17	34	
Germany	8 "	24 inches long or 12 in breadth or depth.....	6	13	25	50	
Kingdom of Italy.	36 "			6	13	25	38
Belgium	8 "			5	10	20	40
Netherlands	16 "			5	10	17	34
Denmark	48 "			6	13	25	50
Switzerland	48 "			6	13	25	50

Should the above rules not be regarded, the package will be forwarded charged letter rate, but if over weight or the size be greater than is allowed, it will be sent to the Postmaster General.

Newspaper Post.

On newspapers published in the Dominion, the postage is, if paid quarterly in advance, either by the publisher or by the party to whom it is delivered :—

Once per week.....	5 cents.	3 times a week.....	15 cents.
Twice "	10 "	Daily.....	30 "

If not paid in advance, 1 cent each. The commuted rate applies not only to papers circulating within the Dominion, but also to subscribers in the United Kingdom, United States, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward Island. All papers must be pre-paid before leaving Canada, if not at the commuted rate, 1 cent each, but all transient papers, i. e. papers not from the publishers or British newspapers posted by news agents to regular subscribers, must be pre-paid 2 cents each by postage stamps.

Although news agents at present have the privilege of mailing newspapers and periodicals received by them from the United States *unpaid*, so that the postage may be collected at the office of delivery; this regulation will be suspended on the 1st January, 1869, as from that date pre-payment by postage stamps on such matter will be compulsory.

Exchange papers pass *free* between publishers in Canada, and also to and from those in the United States, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland.

Papers coming from England *via* the United States are charged 2 cents each on delivery. By Canadian mails *free*.

Postage on papers from the United States to regular subscribers in Canada, 1 cent. Transient United States papers, 2 cents.

Papers from Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland may be delivered to regular subscribers at the ordinary commuted rate. Transient papers, 2 cents each.

Canadian Book Post.

Books and Pamphlets addressed to any place in Canada, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland or the United States, must be pre-paid 1 cent per oz. by postage stamps.

British Book Post.

Books may be sent by post between the Dominion of Canada and Great Britain by Canadian Mail Steamers, or by the Inman line, calling at Halifax, at the following rates, which must be pre-paid :—

Under 4 ozs.....	7 cents.	Over 12 ozs., not exceeding 16 ozs.....	25 cents.
Over 4 ozs., not exceeding 8 ozs.....	12½ "	" 16 ozs. " 20 ozs.....	32 "
" 8 ozs. " 12 ozs.....	19 "		

By Cunard, or other steamers sailing from New York, the rates are :—

Under 4 ozs.....	9 cents.	Over 8 ozs., not exceeding 12 ozs.....	25 cents.
Over 4 ozs., not exceeding 8 ozs.....	17 "	" 12 ozs. " 16 ozs.....	33 "

The rules which guide the transmission of Books by post are :—

- 1st. Book packets must either have no cover or be open at both ends or both sides.
- 2nd. Must contain no writing, or any sealed enclosure.
- 3rd. The weight not to exceed 4 lbs.; the size not to exceed 2 feet long or 1 foot in width or depth. Insufficiently paid books, if for Canada, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, or the United States, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office; but if for England they will be forwarded, marked with the unpaid postage and 3d. sterling as a fine.