

1st. Congress is to have full powers over the transmission of correspondence by telegraph.

2nd. The interests which relate to the finances and all the business of the world, and the giving or withholding news from the Press, are too great to be confided to private individuals.

3rd. The construction and maintenance of telegraph lines should be given out to public competition.

4th. The office business should be conducted by officers of the Post Office.

5th. The telegraph construction and maintenance should be under the control and supervision of the Post Office authorities.

The bill provides for the establishment of Postal Telegraph offices in every city and town of 5,000 inhabitants and upwards, at the capital of every State, and at such other points as may be required. All messages must be pre-paid by stamps. Messages will be received at all post letter-boxes, and they will be immediately delivered by carriers.

The bill also provides that no tender will be accepted at a higher rate than 20 cents for 20 words for every 500 miles of transmission, and 5 cents additional for postage.

The following table gives the proposed rates:—

	Present Rates.	Proposed Rates.
To offices within 500 miles of New York	\$ c. 41	\$ c. 25
To offices within 500 miles of Chicago	93	25
To offices within 500 miles of New Orleans	1 65	25
From New York to Chicago	1 75	45
From New York to San Francisco	6 75	1 25

The object of this bill is to bring the telegraph within the reach of all. It is not proposed to give the right of telegraphing exclusively to the Government, but to offer the broadest field for competition.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT.—DOMINION OF CANADA.

General Post Office.

Postmaster-General, Hon. Alex. Campbell; Deputy, W. H. Griffin; Accountant, H. A. Wickstead; Secretary, W. White; Cashier, J. Ashworth; Superintendent Money Order Branch, P. Le Suenr; Superintendent Savings Bank Branch, J. C. Stewart.

Letter Rates.

Local letters, if pre-paid.....3 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. | Local letters, if unpaid.....5 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

If a letter is posted partially unpaid, the charge on delivery will be the same as if wholly unpaid, deducting, however, any amount that may have been pre-paid upon it. Letters mailed for delivery at the office where posted, 1 cent each. Letters are re-directed from one place to another without any further charge. On letters re-mailed from the Dead Letter Office, 3 cents additional 2 cents additional for letters delivered by letter carriers.

Letters from or to Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates, whether in Her Majesty's Service or Canadian Volunteers, whilst on active service, whether in Canada, the United Kingdom, or any of the British Colonies, pass, if pre-paid, for 2 cts. each, when not over the $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.; if over $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., at ordinary letter rates.

On letters for Prince Edward Island the charge is 3 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., paid; unpaid, 5 cents; to Newfoundland, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents—pre-payment required.

Postage on letters to British Columbia and Vancouver's Island is 10 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.—must be pre-paid. An additional sea-rate of 10 cents, from San Francisco, is charged on delivery. The rate to Red River, via United States, is 6 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.—must be paid in advance.

Letters for the U. S. are 6 cts. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., if pre-paid; if unpaid, or only partially paid, 10 cts. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

Letters sent by way of the United States, if addressed via New York, may be forwarded to the Brazils, Acapulco, Aspinwall, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Cuba, Mexico, Nicaragua, (Pacific side), Panama, St. Thomas, Sandwich Islands, Venezuela, and the British West Indies, for 10 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., which must be pre-paid by postage stamps. Registration fee 5 cents additional.

To Bermuda, the British and Foreign West Indies, by British mail packet from Halifax, monthly, the charge is 12 cents, which must be pre-paid. Registration fee 5 cents additional.

Via New York to Guadaloupe, Hayti, (St. Domingo, Martinique, Porto Rico, Santa Cruz, the postage is 14 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. By the same route to Bolivia, Ecuador, Valparaiso, Honduras, Nicaragua, (Gulf of Mexico side), Callao, Lima, 34 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Registration fee 8 cents.

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 & New Brunswick, when forwarded by Canadian steamer from Portland during the winter, the charge is 15 cts., as there is a transit rate of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts. 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., unpaid or short paid letters being charged an additional 6d. str. as a fine.