

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 thence proceeding to New York. A third mail is despatched by Cunard steamer, leaving Liverpool every Saturday, calling at Queenstown on Sunday, and 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 Sessions, or ten days before the meeting of Parliament. Also, all papers printed by order of either of the Houses of the General or Local Governments, or sent by the Members of either of the above Houses during the recess of the Parliaments thereof. In order to be sent free these Parliamentary papers must be sent without covers, open at the ends or sides, and contain no letter or written communication whatsoever. The free transmission of Parliamentary papers, as above, only affects the Canadian Postage rates. Such printed papers must bear the signature of the Speaker, Chief Clerk, or officer acting for them, or of the member sending the same. Letters on Her Majesty's service passing between the United Kingdom and the Dominion of Canada to any of the Imperial Departments of State, Civil, Military, or Naval.

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, Newfoundland or Prince Edward Island 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 of money in the letter or the 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 -	- 12½ cts.	Above 1 lb. and not exceed'g 1½ lb. 37½ cts.
Above 8 oz. and not exceeding 1 lb-25 "	"	" 1½ 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 12½ 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 package of samples will be fined 5 cts. No packet should exceed 24 ozs., or be more than 24 in. 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.

Miscellaneous Matter.

Seeds, Cuttings, Bulbs, Roots, Scions, or Grafts, and Botanical Specimens, may be posted in Canada for any part of the Dominion or the United States on pre-payment by stamp of one cent per ounce. Packages containing the above articles may be received from the United States, for which the same charge must be paid on delivery. No such package must exceed one pound. The parcels must be put up so that the contents may be easily examined.

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 countries mentioned below:—

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, to the United Kingdom, Germany, and Belgium, provided they be packed so as not to injure the mails and the