

Local Governments, or sent by the Members of either of the 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, 17 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:—

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| Not exceeding 8 oz. | 12½ cts. | Above 1 lb. and not exceed'g 1½ lb. | 37½ cts. |
| Above 8 oz. and not exceeding 1 lb. | 15 " | " 1½ lb. | 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 packages of samples will be fined 5 cents. No packet should exceed 24 oz., 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.

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 that 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 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.

No package must exceed the undermentioned weights and sizes:—

| Destination. | Limit of Weight. | Size. | Rate per oz. | | | |
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| | | | Not exceeding 2 oz. | 2 to 4 oz. | 4 to 8 oz. | 8 to 1 lb. |
| France | 36 oz. | 18 inches long or 12 in breadth or depth..... | Cts. 5 | Cts. 10 | Cts. 20 | Cts. 40 |
| Portugal | 16 " | | 5 | 10 | 17 | 34 |
| Azores | 16 " | | 5 | 19 | 17 | 34 |
| Madeira | 16 " | | 5 | 10 | 17 | 34 |
| Germany | 8 " | | 6 | 13 | 25 | 50 |
| Kingdom of Italy | 36 " | 24 inches long or 12 in breadth or depth..... | 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 at a charged letter rate, but if over weight or the size be greater than is allowed, it will be sent to the Postmaster-General.