

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.	Three 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, must be pre-paid 2 cents each by postage stamps.

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.

Book packets may contain, books, publications, works of literature, or art, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, printed votes and proceedings of Parliament, patterns or samples of merchandize, 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 1 oz.....	3 cents.	Between 4 and 8 oz.....	12½ cents.
Between 1 and 2 oz.....	5 "	" 8 " 12 ".....	19 "
" 2 " 4 ".....	7 "	" 12 " 1 lb.....	25 "

Increasing 6 cents to every 4 oz. additional. Registration fee, 8 cents.

By Cunard or other steamer sailing from New York, the rates are:—			
Under 1 oz.....	5 cents.	Between 4 and 8 oz.....	17 cents
Between 1 and 2 oz.....	7 "	" 8 " 12 ".....	25 "
" 2 " 4 ".....	9 "	" 12 " 1 lb.....	33 "

Increasing 8 cents to every 4 oz. additional. Registration fee, 8 cents.

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 in length or 1 in width or in 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.

French Book Post.

Books for France, to be forwarded at the following rates, must be sent either by the Canadian mail steamers from Portland or Quebec, or by the Inman steamers from Halifax:—

Under 2 oz.....	5 cents.	Between 4 and 8 oz.....	20 cents.
Between 2 and 4 oz.....	10 "	" 8 oz. and 1 lb.....	40 "

Increasing 20 cents for every additional 8 oz.

TABLE showing the extent of Mail Service, Postal Revenue, &c., in the Dominion of Canada for a series of years.

Year.	Number of Post and Way Offices.	Number of Miles Mail Route.	Number of Miles Annual Mail Travel.	Postal Revenue.	Expenditure.	Number of Letters by Post per Annum.
1857	2,107	19,534	6,633,767	\$531,147 56	\$770,502 91	10,280,012
1858	2,201	20,005	6,823 322	616,327 69	805,080 69	11,215,044
1859	2,321	20,616	6,909,598	654,481 29	784,368 47½	10,799,276
1860	2,434	21,058	7,141,210	744,049 23	830,720 15	11,526,978
1861	2,571	21 523	7,363,814	767,744 18	850,688 40½	11,956,504
1862	2,702	22,043	7,664,430	814,642 63½	898,445 44½	11,992,795
1863	2,842	22,629	7,805,502	853,794 03	890,839 46	13,501,281
1864	3,003	23,688	7,919,916	937,197 84	949,101 64	14,678,624
1865	3,307	24,149	8,106,806	940,747 45	1,004,724 37	15,295,133
1866	3,332	25,851	9,052,697	990 715 69	1,090 378 68	16,334,847
1867	3,494	27,125	9,833,808	1,027,085 54	1,030,087 54	17,545,458
1868	3,638	27,674	10,622,216	*1,024,710 00	1,053,570 00	14,100,000
1869	3,756	28,745	11,261,897	973 056 00	1,079,878 00	21,920 000

The act authorizing three cents postage came into operation 1st April, 1868, and the reduction from 12½ to 6 cents on correspondence with the United Kingdom took effect 1st January, 1870. It is a matter of much regret that with these reductions compulsory prepayment could not have been obtained. Had we pre-payment to-day in Canada as they have in the United States, the delivery of mail matter would be much simplified, the expenses of the Department greatly reduced, and the revenue and expenditure nearly, if not quite, equalized.