

In the year 1871 the instructions to Postmasters, forms, and accounts, were assimilated throughout the Dominion.

In the early part of the year, P. LeSueur, Esq., Superintendent, visited Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and arranged a uniform system of accounts, and equalized the charge of commissions on Money Orders.

During the month of June H. A. Wicksteed, Esq., the Accountant of the Post Office Department, was instructed to proceed to Halifax and St. John, and the result of his mission was the relieving of the Post Office Inspectors of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia of the management of the Accounts of these Provinces, Warrants having since the Union been issued in favor of these officers for all payments for Mail Service, and the Postmasters accounted to them instead of to the Central Government at Ottawa. The value of this change cannot be overestimated, all the forms are now uniform and the control of all payments is centralised at Head Quarters.

John Dewe, Esq., Chief Inspector, was also despatched to the Province of Manitoba, for the purpose of establishing Post Offices and opening Mail Routes there; and Gilbert Griffin, Esq., was charged with a similar mission to the Province of British Columbia.

The Postal control over these two Provinces having been added to the rest of the Dominion during the past year.

The two "remarkable Events" of last year in the Post Office were:—1st. The placing of all the country Postmaster on salaries instead of as heretofore paying them by commissions on collections—this later mode of remuneration simplifies the accounts very materially; and, 2nd, the issue of Post cards valued at 1 ct. each.

The Money Order system was established between British Columbia and the United Kingdom on the 1st May, 1871, and on the 1st of October Money Orders were exchanged between Great Britain and the United States, and it is hoped that a similar state of things will soon exist between Canada and her American neighbors.

Now that the Postage on letters through our vast Dominion has been reduced to the minimum rate of 3c., and the cost of collecting the unpaid portion is so expensive and the machinery for doing so, so cumbersome, the Government would be fully justified in adopting the system of compulsory prepayment by stamps; and it is to be hoped that our energetic P. M. G. will introduce a measure during the next session to that effect.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.—DOMINION OF CANADA.

GENERAL POST OFFICE.

Postmaster-General, Hon. Alex. Campbell, Ottawa; Deputy, W. H. Griffin; Accountant, H. A. Wicksteed; Secretary, W. White; Cashier, J. Ashworth; Superintendent

Money Order Branch, P. LeSueur; Superintendent Savings Bank, J. C. Stewart; Chief Inspector, John Dewe.

LETTER RATES.

Within the Dominion of Canada and Prince Edward Island.

Prepaid 3 c. per ½ oz., unpaid 5 c. per ½ oz., if partially paid the unpaid portion will be charged on delivery; when re-directed no

further charge; if forwarded from Dead Letter Office 3 c. additional, and 2 c. when delivered by carriers.

Table No. 1.—POSTAGE RATES for places in, and passing through the United States—prepayment is required in all cases.

Countries.	Letters, per ½ oz.			Countries.	Letters, per ½ oz.		
	Letters, per ½ oz.	Newspapers, each.	Printed Matter, per 4 oz.		Letters, per ½ oz.	Newspapers, each.	Printed Matter, per 4 oz.
Australian Colonies.....	15	03	06	†Japan.....	13	03	06
Acapulco.....	13	05	12	Mexico.....	13	05	12
*Aspinwall.....	13	04	08	New Granada, except Aspin-			
Bahamas.....	06	04	08	wall and Panama.....	21	06	14
*Bolivia.....	25	06	14	Nicaragua.....	13	04	08
Brazil.....	18	04	08	*Panama.....	13	04	08
British Columbia.....	03	02	04	*Peru—Calao and Lima.....	13	06	11
*Colon.....	13	05	12	Red River.....	03		
Ecuador.....	25	06	14	Sandwich Islands.....	09	04	08
Central America.....	13	04	08	‡United States.....	06		
Costa Rica.....	13	04	08	Venezuela.....	13	06	12
*Chili—Valparaiso.....	25	06	14	†West Indies (British and Da-			
†China.....	13	03	06	nish).....	13	03	06
Cuba.....	13	03	06	West Indies (other).....	21	05	
Honduras.....	15	04	10				

* Can be registered on pre-payment of an additional 8 c. per letter.

† Letters can be registered to Shanghai, and Yokohama, only.

‡ 10 c. if forwarded unpaid.

† Letters for Bermuda, British and Foreign West Indies, when sent in the monthly mails from Halifax, Postage is 12 c. per ½ oz.

NOTE.—West India Mails are despatched for Havana and the West Indies every Thursday afternoon from New York, and for St. Thomas, West Indies and Brazil on the 23rd of every month.