

## POST OFFICE STATISTICS.

## POSTAGE RATES.

On 25th December, 1898 the inter-imperial rate of postage was made two cents per half ounce or fraction of half ounce.

The following parts of the British Empire joined in establishing the rate between themselves :—

Aden.	Johore.
Ascension.	Lagos.
Bahama Islands.	Leeward Islands.
Barbados.	Malay States.
Bermuda.	Natal.
British Central Africa.	Newfoundland.
"    East    "	Niger Coast Protectorate.
"    Honduras.	"    Company's Territories.
"    Guiana.	Sarawak.
"    India.	Seychelles.
Canada.	Sierra Leone.
Ceylon.	Straits Settlement.
Cyprus.	St. Helena.
Falkland Islands.	Tobago.
Fiji.	Trinidad.
Gambia.	Turk's Island.
Gibraltar.	Uganda.
Gold Coast.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Hong Kong.	Ireland.
Jamaica.	Windward Islands.

On the 31st of December a proclamation in the Official Gazette announced that on and after 1st June, 1899, the postage rate within Canada would be two cents per ounce.

On 1st January, 1899 the Canadian and United States authorities, by virtue of the post office convention of 19th January, 1888, between Canada and the United States, agreed by telegraph that there should be a uniform rate of two cents between the two countries, and an assimilation of post office action in all respects, interchange of stamps, readdress of letters, &c.