

POST OFFICE STATISTICS.

POSTAGE RATES.

On 25th December, 1898, the inter-imperial rate of postage on letters 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.	Malta.
British Central Africa.	Mauritius.
" East "	Natal.
" Honduras.	Newfoundland.
" Guiana.	Niger Coast Protectorate.
" India.	" Company's Territories.
" North Borneo Company's Ter- ritory (including Colony of Labuan)	Sarawak.
Canada.	Seychelles.
Cape Colony.	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 Ireland.
Hong Kong.	Windward Islands.
Jamaica.	Zanzibar.

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