

## 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.	Lagos.
Ascension.	Leeward Islands.
Bahama Islands.	Malay States.
Barbados.	Malta.
Bermuda.	Mauritius.
British Central Africa.	Natal.
"    East        "	Newfoundland.
"    Honduras.	New Zealand.
"    Guiana.	Niger Coast Protectorate.
"    India.	"    Company's Territories.
"    North Borneo Company's Ter-	Orange River Colony.
ritory (including Colony of Labuan).	Sarawak.
Canada.	Seychelles.
Cape Colony.	Sierra Leone.
Ceylon.	Straits Settlement.
Cyprus.	St. Helena.
Falkland Islands.	Tobago.
Fiji.	Transvaal.
Gambia.	Trinidad.
Gibraltar.	Turk's Island.
Gold Coast.	Uganda.
Hong Kong.	United Kingdom.
Jamaica.	Windward Islands.
Johore.	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.

The actual railway mileage over which mails were carried in 1899-1900 was 16,354 miles, and the train mileage numbered 16,743,466 miles. In addition to the above mileage by rail there was a water service of 1,271,234 miles.