

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.	Nigeria (Northern).
" India.	" (Southern).
" North Borneo Company's	Orange River Colony.
Territory.	Sarawak.
Canada.	Seychelles.
Cape Colony.	Sierra Leone.
Cayman Islands.	Somoliland Protectorate.
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.
Labuan.	

On 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. On and after 7th March, 1903, a proclamation in the *Canada Gazette* announced that on and after that date, newspapers and periodicals published in Canada posted in any post office in Canada for transmission to the United Kingdom shall pass at the same rates of postage, &c., as if intended for transmission to points in Canada.

Newspapers and periodicals published in Canada and posted in Canada may pass at the same rates and under the same regulations as if such matter were addressed to any post office in Canada to the following British