

Postage Stamps.—Postage Stamps of the respective values of 1 cent, for Newspapers; 5 cents for ordinary Provincial Letters; 10 cents for United States rate; 12½ cents for Canadian Packet, and 17 cents for Cunard Packet, are provided for sale to the public.

The charge upon Books, &c., by Book Post to England, is 7 cents on packets not exceeding 4 oz. in weight; 12½ cents on ½ lb. packets; and 12½ cents additional for every additional ½ lb. These charges must be prepaid.

Penal Clause.—The Act contains the following penal clause:

To inclose a letter, or letters, or any writing intended to serve the purpose of a letter, in a Parcel posted for the Parcel Post, shall be a misdemeanor.

To inclose a letter or any writing, or to make any written mark to serve the purpose of a letter, or to inclose any other thing in a newspaper posted to pass as a newspaper, at the rate of postage applicable to newspapers, (except in the case of accounts and receipts of newspaper publishers, which are permitted to pass folded within the newspapers sent by them to their subscribers), shall be a misdemeanor.

Money Orders.—Money Orders payable in the Province may be obtained at any Money Order Office, (of which a list can be seen at any Post Office,) at the following rates:

Under and up to \$10.....	5 cents.
Over \$10 and not exceeding \$20.....	10 "
" 20 " 30.....	15 "
" 30 " 40.....	30 "
" 40 " 60.....	45 "
" 60 " 80.....	60 "
" 80 " 100.....	75 "

No single order can be issued for more than \$100.

N.B.—No HALF CENTS to be introduced in the Money Orders.

Money Orders on England, Scotland and Ireland.—Money Orders, payable at any Money Order Office in Great Britain and Ireland, can be obtained at any Canadian Money Order Office. The Orders are drawn in Sterling, the Commission chargeable being, for £2 and under, one shilling sterling; from £2 to £5, two shillings. No order can be drawn for more than £5; but any number of Orders of £5 each may be procured.

FARMING.

A GERMAN astronomer, Schwabe, observing for 30 years the spots upon the sun, discovered that they passed through certain phases of increase and decrease every 11 years; and that there was an intimate connection between these phases and the magnetic state of the earth.

WEEDS.—Professor Buckman of England has recently found in a pint of ordinary clover seed, 7,600 weed seeds; and in a pint of Dutch clover, 70,000 weed seeds. Some of these weeds are amazingly prolific; a single dock plant's seeds produced 1,700 young docks; and Buckman counted 8,000 seeds in a single plant of black mustard, 26,000 in a burdock, and 46,000 in a cammomile.