

" AN ACT IN ADDITION TO THE LAW RELATING TO INLAND POSTS. " PASSED
15TH MARCH, 1851.

" Whereas by an Act passed at the last session of the General Assembly, and therein designated ' The Post Office Act,' a scale of weights for letters was by the sixth section established, which does not in all respects conform with the scale of weights and charges for letters and printed papers now established in the United Kingdom, and it is desirable that uniformity should, as far as possible, exist in that particular and also that authority should be given for entering into postal arrangements with the United States.

" Be it therefore enacted,

" 1st. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make such orders as are necessary for causing the relative scale of weights and charges enumerated in the sixth section of the Post-office Act to correspond, as far as may be, with the relative scale of weights and charges now or hereafter to be established in the United Kingdom.

" 3rd. Printed Books, Magazines, Reviews, or Periodicals, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, may be sent through the post from this Colony to the United Kingdom or from the United Kingdom to this Colony, or through the United Kingdom to or from this Colony and any other British Colony, whether the conveyance be by Packet or Private ship at the following rates of postage :

" For a single volume not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ a pound in weight, 6d., stg.

" For a single volume exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ pound and not 1 pound in weight, 1s., stg.

" For a single volume exceeding 1 pound and not 2 pounds in weight, 2s., stg., and so increasing 1s. sterling for every pound or fraction of a pound."

The Post office Act of New Brunswick is not as clear on many points as are the Acts of some of the other British North American Colonies, and an Order in Council was passed in 1851, defining the Rules and Regulations of the Post office establishment of New Brunswick.

From this Order in Council I have copied all that is of any interest from a philatelic point of view, and give it herewith.

" POST OFFICE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

" GENERAL REGULATIONS.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to make the following Orders, Regulations, and Appointments, in pursuance of the provisions of the Post office Acts of 1850 and 1851.

" 4. In conformity with the Post office Acts it is hereby declared, and so far as regards the Province of New Brunswick, it is ordered, as follows :—On and after this date, all letters transmitted by Post in British North America, with the exception of Packet Letters to or from the United Kingdom, and Letters to and

To be continued.

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