

4. And all postage may be recovered with costs, by civil action in any Court having jurisdiction to the amount, or in any way in which customs duties are or may be recoverable. How recovered.

29. In all cases where letters and other mailable matter are posted for places without the limits of Canada, on which stamps for pre-payment are affixed of less value than the true rate of Postage to which such letters are liable,—or when stamps for pre-payment are affixed to letters addressed to any place as aforesaid for which prepayment cannot be taken in Canada,—the Postmaster General may forward such letters, charged with postage, as if no stamp had been thereon affixed. Cases in which stamped letters for places out of Canada may be forwarded as unpaid letters.

30. And for avoiding doubts, and preventing inconvenient delay in the posting and delivery of letters,—no Postmaster shall be bound to give change, but the exact amount of the postage on any letter or other mailable matter shall be tendered or paid to him in current coin as respects letters or other things delivered, and in current coin or postage stamps as the case may require in respect to the letters or other things posted. Postmasters not bound to give change.

SHIP LETTERS.

31. The Postmaster General may make such reasonable compensation as he may see fit, to Masters of vessels, not being Post Office Packets, for each letter conveyed by such vessels between places beyond Sea and Canada, and the Governor in Council may direct that at any Port or class of Ports, such vessels shall not be permitted by the Officers of customs to enter or break bulk until all letters on board the same have been delivered at the Post Office, nor until the Master has made declaration in such form as may be prescribed, that he has delivered all such letters accordingly. Conveyance of letters by sea to or from Canada in vessels other than Post Office Packets.

EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGE OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL—AND EXCEPTIONS FROM IT.

32. Subject always to the provisions and regulations aforesaid, and the exceptions hereinafter made, the Postmaster General shall have the sole and exclusive privilege of conveying, receiving, collecting, sending and delivering letters within Canada;—And (except in the cases hereinafter excepted) any person who collects, sends, conveys or delivers or undertakes to convey or deliver any letter within Canada, or who receives or has in his possession any letter for the purpose of conveying or delivering it, otherwise than in conformity with this Act, shall, for each and every letter so unlawfully conveyed or undertaken to be conveyed, received, delivered or found in his possession, incur a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars: Except in certain cases no one but the Postmaster General, to collect, convey and deliver letters in Canada on pain of a fine of \$20.

But such exclusive privilege, prohibition and penalty shall not apply to— The exceptions.

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