

A four cent stamp will come into use at the same time to accommodate double-weight letters and it is rumoured that we will have a new universal post card.

The rate of postage on letters within Canada will be reduced to two cents, the section enacting such coming into effect by proclamation of the Governor-General. It is stated on good authority that this change will be made at the same time that Imperial Penny Postage comes into effect. These changes will necessitate a number of other changes now under consideration at Ottawa. A new two cent stamp will likely be issued and a change made in the three cent. The rate on drop letters will be reduced to one cent and it is said that a new letter card will be issued. A change in our present post card is also spoken of. The rate to the United States will remain at three cents per ounce.

On and after January 1st 1899 and until June 30th 1899, $\frac{1}{2}$ cent per pound will be taxed on all newspapers circulated outside a radius of 20 miles from the place of publication, and on June 30th the rate will be raised to $\frac{1}{2}$ cent per pound. All publishers have recently been notified to that effect.

Other important changes in the regulations of the Department authorized by the Postal Union convention held in Washington in June 1897 come into effect with the New Year as also those included in the "Act to amend the Postal Act," passed June 1898 by the Dominion Government.

The new one cent black reply card has appeared at the Hamilton Post Office.

Plate number 3 of the Numeral Issue has appeared in the 1 cent green.

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