

Department Order, No. 59.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
QUEBEC, Sept. 5, 1864.

Periodicals passing by Mail in Canada.

1. The rate on all Periodicals, other than Newspapers, passing by mail in Canada, save such as may be addressed to or received from the United Kingdom, and such as are exempted from postage by Statute, will henceforth be one cent per 4 oz. weight of package containing periodical matter, whether the package contain one or more numbers.

2. Any fraction of 4 oz. to be charged as a full rate.

3. On periodicals posted from the office of publication, or by News Agents or Booksellers, to regular subscribers *within the Province*, this rate may remain to be collected on delivery, and must in such cases be marked upon the packages and charged in the Letter Bills, but when mailed to go out of the Province such Periodical matter must be prepaid by Postage Stamp. British and United States Periodicals may be posted in Canada by News Agents and Booksellers to regular Subscribers in the Province under this regulation.

4. Transient Periodical Matter posted in Canada must in all cases be prepaid by Postage Stamp.

5. The above rate will be payable *on delivery* on all Periodical matter received from the United States, except that Canadian Editors may receive Exchange Periodicals from the United States free of Canadian Postage.

Canadian Periodicals posted for United Kingdom by Canadian Packets.

6. Periodicals, printed and published in Canada, may be posted addressed to any place in the United Kingdom *by Canadian Packet*, on prepayment by Postage Stamp of two cents each number.

7. This rate will be applicable to all classes of Canadian Periodicals posted as above for the United Kingdom, the exemption to which certain classes of Canadian Periodicals are entitled, extending to such numbers only, as are addressed from the Office of publication to places within the Province.

(Signed) O. MOWAT,

Postmaster General.

ANNUAL EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES.

This Board will hold its 3rd annual examination of members of the various Mechanics' Institutes in Upper Canada, under the rules and restrictions hereafter laid down; the object of such examination being to encourage, test, attest and reward efforts made by the industrial classes for self-improvement.

This examination will be open to all members of incorporated Mechanics' Institutes or Library Associations in Upper Canada, who are not students of any college, graduates or under-gradu-

ates of any University; or certified school teachers; or who are not following any of the learned professions.

Copper-plate certificates of three grades, printed on parchment for pocket use, or reference, will be awarded to successful candidates; indicating, respectively, "Excellence," "Proficiency," and "Commendableness." A beautiful lithographed Diploma, for framing, will also be awarded to holders of first and second class certificates.

The Board invites the attention of the managers of the respective Institutions to the annexed programme, and solicits their earnest co-operation in carrying it out.

PROGRAMME.

Local Committees.

1. The Managers of Mechanics' Institutes and Library Associations desirous of co-operating with this Board, in promoting the education of such of their members as have not been able to avail themselves of the benefits of academical instruction and distinction, but who are now willing to engage in classes or evening schools, or other means of self-improvement, are invited to form local committees for the purpose of organizing and superintending classes; for conducting the necessary preliminary examinations; and to assist and co-operate with the examiners appointed by the Board. Each local committee must consist of at least three members, and should be composed of such persons as would give their time and earnest attention to the subject.

Preliminary Examinations by Local Committees.

2. The local committees will conduct the preliminary examinations of their own candidates, and also supervise the working of papers which the examiners appointed by the Board will set for the final examination.

3. No candidate will be admitted to the final examination without a certificate from his local committee, that he has satisfactorily passed its preliminary examination in the subjects in which he wishes to be examined by the Board.

4. The preliminary examinations by the local committees may be either wholly written, or partly oral and partly written, as each local committee may think best; and must be held sufficiently early in the year to allow the results to be communicated to the Secretary of this Board on or before the first day of May, 1865.

5. The "pass" to the final examination should not be given to any candidate, however meritorious, whom the local committees consider not to have a reasonable chance of obtaining certificates from the Board.

Final Examination by the Examiners appointed by the Board.

6. Forms containing the names of the candidates "passed" by the local committees, and the subjects in which they wish to be examined, must be returned to the Secretary of the Board not later than the first day of May, 1865.

7. The examiners appointed by the Board will set the requisite papers for the final examination,