

to meet in Ottawa on Friday of this week, to discuss these suggestions? for an interview with Postmaster-General on Saturday or 23. But in the meantime the Post Office Department issued a general circular intimating that an adjustment of rates on second-class matter was under consideration, and the question of a possible general readjustment of postal rates naturally came before your committee. This question overshadowed to such an extent the other considerations that were in the mind of the Association when the committee was appointed, that it was thought desirable to call a special general meeting of the Association.

Your committee would recommend that an addition to its membership be made by the appointment of 3 members representing papers west of Great Lakes and 2 members representing newspapers in Maritime Provinces for the purpose of meeting the Honorable the Postmaster-General on Saturday.

Your committee at this stage is not prepared to make any recommendations as to what the attitude of the Association in connection with a possible readjustment of rates should be, but would suggest that discussion would be beneficial along certain specific lines:

1. What should be the attitude of this Association with reference to any increase in present rates?

2. In the event of a readjustment of rates being proposed by the Post Office Department, what circumstances should govern the action of the Post Office Department on the following points:

- (a) Should the free zone for weekly newspapers be continued?

- (b) Should postage rates be based upon the proportion of advertising to reading matter?

- (c) Should postage rates be based upon the number of pages or weight of the individual copy of a newspaper?

- (d) Should postage rates be based upon the subscription rate charge, either with relation to the rate charged in place of publication or with relation to cost of white paper and ink?

- (e) Should postage rates for daily newspapers be based on zone system—that is, a smaller charge in a zone of short radius and a higher charge outside of the radius.

In addition to the larger questions outlined above, recommendations on changes in the postal regulations have been made to your committee, and these are embodied in the attached report.

It was decided to proceed at once to the discussion of the more important question of the reported increase in rates of postage on second-class matter and as this discussion was prolonged no action regarding suggested changes in the postal regulations was taken. Indeed the appendix to the Postal Committee's report containing these suggestions was not read to the meeting.