

RATES OF POSTAGES.

LETTERS ADDRESSED FROM OR TO PLACES IN CANADA AND UNITED STATES.—3 cents per ounce.

On all letters transmitted by post for any distance within Canada, except in cases herein otherwise specially provided for, there shall be charged and paid one uniform rate of three cents per ounce weight, any fraction of an ounce being chargeable as an ounce; and such postage rate of three cents shall be prepaid by postage stamp or stamps at the time of posting the letter, otherwise such letter shall not be forwarded by post, but letters addressed to any place in Canada and on which any postage has been prepaid by stamp, shall be forwarded to their destination charged with double the amount of the postage thereon not so prepaid, which amount shall be collected on delivery.

CITY OR DROP LETTERS FOR THE CITY DELIVERY.

On letters not transmitted through the mails, but posted and delivered at the same post office, commonly known as local or drop letters, the rate shall be one cent per ounce weight, which shall, in all cases, be prepaid by postage stamps affixed to such letters; except that in cases where there is a delivery by letter carriers the rate shall be two cents per ounce, which shall be also prepaid, by postage stamps.

POST CARDS.

Post Cards are issued at one cent each, and may be sent to any address in Canada, Newfoundland, or United States. Post bands can be obtained at the rate of \$1.25 per hundred. Post Cards are also issued at two cents each for transmission to the United Kingdom and European countries.

MATTERS WHICH CANNOT BE FORWARDED THROUGH THE POST.

Any explosive substance, glass, with the exception of spectacles or eye-glasses, liquid or other matter, likely to entail risk or injury to the ordinary contents of the Mail, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office, Ottawa.

Letters containing gold or silver money, jewels or precious articles, or anything liable to Customs duties, cannot be forwarded by Post to any of the Postal Union countries, except such as may be addressed to the United States.

SEPTEMBER.—We have come to the season of agricultural fairs. Of course they were established for the benefit of farmers and farming interests, they have undoubtedly accomplished their object to a very considerable extent. They have brought families into a nearer acquaintance, and more friendly relations. There is at the annual gathering of farmers a good opportunity to compare notes on farming operations. The products of various farms may also be compared, in a laudable spirit of rivalry, and ought never to assume in the least degree a feeling of jealousy. Objectionable features should never be introduced, and mere catch-penny methods of show and trickery should never be allowed. The directors should always remember that all amusements ought to have a rational basis and a useful object.

A NICE FRUIT CAKE.—One pound of butter; one pound of flour; one pound of sugar; two pounds of raisins seeded; one pound of citron; one pound of almonds; one pound of currants washed; twelve eggs; one-half pint of milk. The great art of making cake is first to prepare every separate ingredient nicely, and then when they are mixed smoothly together, there is no possibility of failing if the oven is kept at a moderate heat and not allowed to alter until the cake is done. The modern stove cooks more rapidly than the old Dutch oven, but still at least three hours ought to be allowed for the baking of a fruit cake. The almonds must be blanched and pounded, the currants washed, picked clean, and dried, the raisins stoned, and the citron sliced fine or chopped. More than half the flour is used in flouring the fruit. Then the butter must be creamed, the eggs whipped until perfectly light, and if attention is given to all these details you cannot possibly have a failure.—HARPER'S BAZAAR.

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