

were, 101 post-offices, 2368 miles of post route; the number of letters were about 340,000 and of newspapers 400,000. At that time publishers of newspapers used to employ their own couriers.

The postal arrangements continued on the same old system till 1841, when regular steam communication between Halifax and England was established, and, at the suggestion of Mr. T. A. Stayner, the postmaster, the rate of postage, between any place in Canada and Great Britain, was fixed at 1s 2d sterling.

Mr. Stayner continued in office till April 6th, 1851 when the post office was transferred from the home government, to that of the Canadian authorities. The first thing that was done by the Hon. Jas. Morris, the first Postmaster General, was to reduce the rates of postage, to 3d per  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce to any place in Canada, and fix the rate for newspapers at a halfpenny per ounce.

In June 1851 postage stamps were issued, they were engraved by Messrs Rawdon & Co, and were of the following values and designs.

3 pence, oblong, beaver, vermilion.

6 pence, rect, Prince Albert, brown.

12 pence, rect, Queen Victoria, black.

On thick unwatermarked paper, and unperforated.

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