

Letters, &c., cannot be seized under legal process.

374. No Letter, Packet or other mailable matter is liable to demand, seizure or detention, under legal process, whilst in the custody of the Post Office.

Mail matter may not be delivered until postage thereon is paid.

375. A Postmaster cannot be required to deliver a letter or a parcel until the postage thereon is paid by the party to whom the same may be addressed.

Application to re-direct letters, &c.

376. Parties desiring their letters and papers to be re-directed, should send an intimation to that effect, in writing, to the Postmaster of the office from which the letters and papers are to be re-directed.

No additional charge.

377. Letters and papers are not subject to any additional charge when re-directed from one Post Office in Canada to another Post Office in Canada.

Letters posted with imperfect or no address, &c.

378. When a Letter for a place to which Letters cannot be forwarded unpaid is dropped into a Post Office Letter Box without the necessary prepayment, or a letter is posted without an address or with an address that is illegible, the Postmaster must stamp it, and write thereon the words "Postage not paid" or "posted without address," or "address illegible," as the case may be, and send it by the first Post to the Postmaster General for the "Dead Letter Office."

Delivery of Letters from Public Departments.

379. Postmasters should make special exertion for the delivery of Letters emanating from any of the Public Departments. If not delivered within a reasonable time, notice of the fact should be sent to the Department where the letter originated.

Valentines.

380. Valentines must be treated in all respects as ordinary Letters, and the same care is to be taken both in their delivery and despatch.

Missing Letters course to be pursued.

381. When an application for a missing Letter is made, the particulars must be at once reported to the Inspector, and, pending further instructions, every endeavour must be made to learn all the circumstances of the case. It is not sufficient simply to enquire whether the missing Letters are recollected. Every person through whose hands they have passed must be closely and minutely questioned, and if any circumstance at all unsatisfactory, however indirectly it may relate to the matter, should transpire, it must be at once noted. Very careful enquiry is also to be made of the persons who are stated to have posted the missing Letters, and also of the persons into whose custody they should in due course have been delivered from the Post Office.

Postmaster General not liable for loss of any letter.

382. The Postmaster General is not liable for the loss or detention of any Letter, Paper or Parcel, Book or Pamphlet, whether Registered or not Registered, sent through the post; nor for any loss or inconvenience consequent thereon.