

An Act to amend the Post Office Laws.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Post Office Laws, in the manner hereinafter provided : Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows : Preamble.

1. There shall be payable on all Newspapers sent by Post in Canada, except "Exchange Papers" addressed to Editors and Publishers of Newspapers, such rate of Postage, not exceeding one cent on each such Newspaper, as the Governor in Council shall from time to time direct by regulation, and such rate shall be payable on all such Newspapers posted on or after the first day of July next. Rate of Postage on Newspapers.

2. So much of any Act as provides that Newspapers posted within this Province shall pass free of Postage, in cases other than those in which they will be free under this Act, is hereby repealed. Inconsistent enactments repealed.

3. In order to adapt the operations of the Post Office to the Decimal Currency, the internal letter postage rate shall be changed from three pence to its equivalent of five cents per half ounce ; the charge for advertising a dead letter from three farthings to two cents ; the charge for returning a dead letter to the writer, from one penny to three cents ; and in all cases where a one half-penny or penny rate of Postage is chargeable, those rates shall be changed to one cent and two cents respectively. Rates converted in decimal currency.

4. To promote simplicity and economy in the business of the Post Office, all letters posted in Canada for any place within the Province, and not prepaid, shall be charged seven and a half instead of five cents per half ounce on delivery ; and on letters posted for the British Mails, for the other British North American Provinces, or for the United States, when not prepaid, there shall be charged such addition to the ordinary rate, not in any case exceeding a double rate, as the Post Master General may agree upon with the Post Office Authorities of those Countries, for the purpose of enforcing pre-payment. Extra rate on letters not prepaid.

5. The Post Master General may establish a Parcel Post, and Parcels other than letters and not containing letters, may be sent by such Parcel Post, and when so sent shall be liable to such charges for conveyance, and to such regulations as the Governor in Council shall from time to time see fit to make. Parcel Post may be established.