

China and Japan and the West India Islands,) is by way of England, whence mails for the several British Colonies and Foreign Countries are regularly despatched.

The most speedy and direct postal route from Canada to all parts of the Continent of North America, the West Indies, Central and South America, is *via* New York.

The most direct postal route to New Zealand, China and Japan is *via* Detroit and San Francisco.

Mails for England are despatched as follows: By mail Steam Packets sailing from Quebec in summer and Portland in winter every Saturday; and from Halifax, Nova Scotia, every alternate Friday. By Steamer from New York every Thursday.

The following post offices in the Dominion of Canada make up mails direct for certain post offices in the United Kingdom, viz.:

Hamilton,	Fredericton,
Toronto,	Sackville,
Kingston,	St John,
Ottawa,	St Stephens,
Montreal,	Chatham,
Quebec,	Dalhousie,
Halifax,	Newcastle,

Mails are exchanged daily with the United States post offices at all the principal frontier points, and closed mails are exchanged daily between the principal cities of the Dominion and New York and Boston.

Montreal exchanges Mails direct with the following American Offices:—Boston, Buffalo, Burlington, New York, Plattsburg, Portland, Rouse's Point, Rutland and Whitehall.

Mails for Bermuda and Newfoundland are made up at Halifax, Nova Scotia, whence steamers sail once a month to Bermuda and St Thomas, and once a fortnight to Newfoundland.

Rates of Postage on Letters.—The rate of postage on *prepaid* Letters between any one place in Canada and any other place in Canada, is regulated by weight, irrespective of distance, and is as follows:—

On a letter not more than $\frac{1}{2}$ an oz.,	3 cents.
" more than $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. but not ex. 1 oz.,	6 cts.
" " 1 oz.,	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 9 cts.
" " 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	" 2 " 12 cts.
" " 2 " "	" 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 15 cts.

And so on, 3 cents being charged for every additional $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., or fraction of half ounce.

If the weight be exceeded to the smallest extent, even though the balance be merely turned, the letter becomes liable to an additional rate.

Letters posted in and addressed to any place within the Dominion of Canada, if sent unpaid, are liable to a charge of 5 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

In applying the 5 cent unpaid rate to letters passing within the Province posted unpaid or not fully pre-paid—it should be observed that a letter passes either as pre-paid at 3 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., on condition that the whole postage due be fully pre-paid—or at 5 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. if posted unpaid, or only partly pre-paid—in the latter case the full rate at 5 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. will be marked, and a deduction made therefrom of the amount which may have been paid—thus on an ounce letter pre-paid 3 cents only—the rate will be 10 cents and crediting the 3 cents paid—7 cents will remain to be charged, and collected on delivery.

The object of the 5 cent unpaid rate is to reduce pre-payment, and thereby relieve the Office from costs and trouble of actual collection, but this object is equally attained whether the letter be wholly unpaid, or partially pre-paid—and therefore the rule applies to the whole charge upon the letter in both cases.

The charge on local or drop letters posted at an office in Canada from that office is one cent for each letter, which *must* be pre-paid, or the letter to the dead letter office for return to the sender.

The charge on letters delivered by carriers in Canada, is two cents for each letter in addition to the ordinary postage.

The rate of postage on letters to Portland Island is 3 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. if prepaid, 5 cents if not prepaid.

The rate of postage on letters to Portland Island is 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., which must be prepaid.

The rate of postage on letters to Portland Island and Vancouver Island is 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., which must be prepaid. This rate applies to the letter to San Francisco only; there is an additional charge on delivery.

The rate of postage on letters to Portland Island *via* the United States, is the same as for the other part of Canada, but all postage is pre-paid by postage stamp.

The rate of postage on letters between any place in Canada and any place in the United States, is 6 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. if pre-paid, and 10 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. if not prepaid.

Upon a letter or packet, of any weight, addressed to the *United States* the whole or none at all should be pre-paid. If less than the whole is pre-paid no postage is taken of it, and it is *entirely lost* to the sender.

The scale of weight under which letters are charged is the same as under which letters, passing between Canada, are rated.

The single rate of postage on letters between any place in Canada and any place in the United Kingdom, is as follows:

By Canadian Steamer, sailing every week from Quebec in summer, and from Halifax in winter, and from Halifax fortnightly per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.

By steamer, sailing from New York on Wednesday, 8 cents.

Letters addressed to the United Kingdom, forwarded by either of the above routes, are charged according to the following rates:

Letters not over $\frac{1}{2}$ an oz., 1 rate.
Letters more than $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., and not ex. 1 oz., 2 rates.
" " 1 " " " 3 rates.

And so on, adding one rate for every additional half ounce or fraction of a half ounce.

The postage on all letters posted in the United Kingdom, and in the Dominion of Canada, should be prepaid by postage stamp.

If sent unpaid 3d. sterling will be charged on each letter, on delivery, in addition to the ordinary postage rate.

Letters posted in the United Kingdom, unless specially addressed "By Canadian Steamer," or "By Cunard Steamer," are despatched in the first mail that is sent, whether for Canadian or Cunard Line.