

POSTAL RATES, STAMP DUTIES, &c.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

Postage on Letters.

The rate of Postage on letters to all parts of the Dominion of Canada is 3 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., and 3 cents for every fraction of $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Unpaid letters are charged 5 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Postal Cards are issued at 1 cent each; which can also be posted to any part of the United States on affixing a 1 cent Stamp on the Card. The rate of Postage to Newfoundland is 6 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., which must be prepaid.

The Postage on letters between Canada and the United States is 6 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., if prepaid, and 10 cents if not prepaid; and no allowance is made for any stamps on letters representing less than the amount of Postage for which such letters are liable.

The rate for letters between any place in Canada and any part of the United Kingdom is, by the Canadian Steamship Line, sailing on Saturdays, 6 cents per half oz., and by the Cunard Steamer from New York on Wednesdays, 8 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. These letters must be prepaid or they will be charged a fine of 3d. sterling on delivery.

Letters for British Colonies and Possessions beyond Sea, and for Foreign Countries, via England, must be prepaid.

Newspapers.

Newspapers posted otherwise than from the office of publication, and American or transient British papers posted or re-posted in Canada, must be prepaid 2 cents each, by stamp, or they cannot be forwarded.

Book Post.

One cent per 2 oz., is the rate for Books (bound or unbound), Handbills, Pamphlets, Circulars when in parcels, and occasional Publications, also Book and Newspaper Manuscript, Printers' Proof, Printed Matter of the same character as Circulars, Handbills, &c., all which must be prepaid by Stamp.

Circulars sent singly, 1 cent each, must be open and prepaid—if sealed, they are liable to letter rates.

Parcel Post.

Parcels may be forwarded betwixt any offices in Canada, at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents for every 8 oz.; weight not to exceed 4 lbs., and the Postage must be prepaid by Stamp. The parcel should have the words "By Parcel Post" plainly written on the address.

Registration.

The following are the fees which, as well as the ordinary postage, must be prepaid at the office at which posted:—

On letters to Canada, Newfoundland, or Prince Edward Island, 2 cents; on letters to any place in the United States, 5 cents; on letters to any place in the United Kingdom, 8 cents; on parcels, packets, &c., to any part of Canada, 5 cents; on books, packets, and newspapers, to the United Kingdom, 8 cents.

When letters are registered for whatever destination, both postage and registration fees on letters should be prepaid by Stamps. The postage and registration fee on letters addressed to the United Kingdom, the United States, and places abroad, must be paid wholly in stamps or money.

A Registered letter can only be delivered to the party addressed or to his or her order. The registration does not make the Post Office responsible for its safe delivery, it simply makes its transmission more secure, by rendering it practicable to trace it when passing from one place to another in Canada, and at least to the frontier or port of despatch.

Money Orders.

Money Orders, payable in the Dominion, may be obtained at any Money Order Office (of which a list can be seen at any Post Office), at the following rates:—

Under and up to \$10, 5 cents, over \$10 and not exceeding \$20, 10 cents, and 10 cents for every additional \$20 up to \$100, above which sum no single order can issue: in New Brunswick, 5 cents on each \$10.

Money Orders payable at any Money Order Office in Great Britain and Ireland, can be obtained in any Money Order Office. The orders are drawn in Sterling, the commission chargeable being for £2 and under, 25 cents; from £2 to £5, 50 cents; from £5 to £7, 75 cents; from £7 to £10, \$1. No order can be drawn for more than £10, but any number of orders for £10 each may be procured.

The rate of commission charged on orders on Newfoundland over and above the currency value of the sterling is as follows:—

For orders not exceeding £5 sterling.....	25cts.
" £5 and not exceeding £10 stg.....	50cts.
" £10 " " £15 stg.....	75cts.
" £15 " " £20 stg.....	\$1.

Money Orders are now issued on British India at the following rates:—

For sums not exceeding £2 stg.....	30cts.
Above £2 and not " £5 ".....	60cts.
" £5 " " £7 ".....	90cts.
" £7 " " £10 ".....	\$1.20.

Post Office Savings Banks.

These Savings Banks, having the direct security of the Dominion to every depositor for re-payment of all moneys deposited, with the interest due thereon, are now established at the principal Offices; and full information as to rates of interest, &c., may be obtained at any Post Office in the Dominion.

Stamp Duties.

The Stamps required by the Act, and which must be affixed to any Note, Draft, or Bill, at the time of drawing the same, are as follows:—

On every Promissory Note, Draft, or Bill of Exchange, not less than \$25, 1 cent; over \$25 and not exceeding \$50, 2 cents; over \$50 and not exceeding \$100, 3 cents; and for every additional \$100 or fraction of \$100, 3 cents. On every Draft or Bill of Exchange executed in duplicate, for the first \$100, 2 cents on each part thereof; for every additional \$100, or fraction thereof, 2 cents. On every Draft or Bill of Exchange executed in more than two parts, for each part for the first \$100, 1 cent; for every additional \$100 or fraction thereof, 1 cent. Interest payable at maturity, to be counted in all cases as part of the principal sum.

Each stamp must be cancelled by the party using it, either by writing or stamping his name or initials on the same, with the date of the Note, Draft, or Bill on which it is affixed.

The penalty imposed for making, drawing, accepting, endorsing, signing, becoming a party to, or paying an improperly stamped instrument, or putting a wrong date on any Stamp, is \$100; and for affixing Stamps already used, \$500.

The fourth clause of the Stamp Act enacts that any cheque upon a chartered Bank or licensed Banker, or on any Savings Bank, if the same shall be payable on demand, also any Post Office money order and any municipal debenture, or coupon of such debenture, shall be free of duty under the Act.

Foreign Coins—British Value.

Crusado Nova—Portugal, 2s 3d.
Dollar—Spanish, 4s 3d; American, 4s 2d.
Ducat—Flanders, Sweden, Austria and Saxony, 9s 3d; Denmark, 8s 3d.
Florin—Prussia, Poland, 1s 2d; Flanders, 1s 6d; Germany (Austria), 2s.
Franc, or Livre—French, 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.
Guilder—Dutch, 1s 8d; German, 1s 7d to 2s.
Louis d'or—(Old) 18s 6d.—Louis or Napoleon—16s.
Moidore—Portugal, 26s 6d.
Pagoda—Asia, 8s 9d.
Piastre—Arabian, 5s 6d; Spanish, 3s 7d.
Pistole—Spain or Barbary, 16s 3d; Italy, 13s 6d; Sicily, 15s 4d.
Re—Portugal, 20th part of 1d; a Mill-re, 4s 6d.
Rial—8 to a dollar, 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.
Rix-dollar—German, 3s 6d; Dutch, Hamburg, Denmark, and Sweden, 4s 3d.
Rouble—Russian, 3s 3d.
Rupée—Asia, Silver, 1s 10d; Ditto, Gold, 28s 9d.