

BOOK PACKETS.

Every book packet must be posted either without a cover (in which case it must not be fastened, whether by means of gum, wafer, sealing wax, postage stamp or otherwise), or in a cover entirely open at both ends, so as to admit of the contents being easily withdrawn for examination; otherwise it is treated as a letter and must be charged accordingly. For the greater security of the contents, however, it may be tied at the ends with string. Postmasters are authorized to cut the string in such cases, if necessary, to enable them to examine the contents; but if they do so, they must again tie up the packet.

No book packet must exceed 5 pounds in weight, nor must the size exceed two feet in length, or one foot in width or depth.

PATTERN AND SAMPLE POST.

Patterns or samples of merchandise or of goods for sale, not exceeding 24 ozs. in weight, may be posted in Canada for transmission to any place within the Dominion, on pre-payment by postage stamp of a rate of 1 cent per 4 ozs. Pattern and sample post is restricted to *bona fide trade patterns or samples of merchandise*. Goods sent for sale, or in execution of any order (however small the quantity may be), or any articles sent by one private individual to another, which are not actually patterns or samples, are not admissible.

Patterns or samples, when practicable, must be sent in covers open at the ends, and in such a manner as to be easy of examination. But samples of flour, seeds, drugs and such like articles, which cannot be sent in covers of this kind—but such articles only—may be posted enclosed in boxes, or in bags of linen or other strong material, fastened in such a manner that they may be easily opened, so as to enable the officers of the Post Office readily to satisfy themselves as to the nature of the contents. Ordinary paper bags or covers should not be used for enclosing flour or other similar matter.

There must be no writing upon or in any packet except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender, a trade mark or number, and the price of the articles, or such words as may be necessary to indicate precisely the origin and nature of the merchandise.

PARCELS.

Parcels closed at the ends and sides, and not exceeding 5 pounds in weight, may be posted at any post office in Canada, for conveyance to any other post office in the Dominion, at the following rates:—For each parcel weighing not more than 4 ozs., 6 cents; exceeding 4 ozs., and not exceeding 8 ozs., 12 cents; for each additional 4 ozs., or fraction thereof, 6 cents.

The following conditions must be carefully observed:—No letter or letters must be enclosed. The parcel must not contain any explosive substance, glass, liquid, fish, fruit, or other matter likely to injure the ordinary contents of the mail. The weight of the parcel must not exceed 5 pounds, nor the size exceed 2 feet in length or 1 foot in breadth or thickness. The postage must be prepaid by stamps.

The parcel should have the words "By Parcel Post," plainly written on the address. It should be well and strongly put up, and be legibly addressed to the post office address of the intended receiver, the name of the county in which the said office is situated being added.

If the name and address of the sender be written on the parcel, it will, if delivery should fail from any cause, be returned from the Dead Letter Office unopened to the sender, on payment of an additional parcel rate for the return conveyance.

Parcels may be registered on affixing thereto a 5 cent registration stamp, in addition to stamps representing the postage. When registered, the postmaster should give a receipt to the party posting the parcel.