

Parcel Post Regulations.

1.—Articles of Mail Matter acceptable at Parcel Post rates include farm and factory products, merchandise of all descriptions such as dry goods, groceries, hardware, confectionery, stationery (including blank books, etc.), seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, bedding plants, scions or grafts, and all other matter not included in the first class, and not excluded from the mails by the general prohibitory regulations with respect to objectionable matter.

Parcels consisting of third class matter may be mailed at parcel post rates, or third class matter rate at the option of the sender.

Parcels containing intoxicating liquors or explosives are expressly prohibited.

2.—The rates of postage on articles accepted for transmission by Parcel Post are as follows:—

(a) Five cents for the first pound and 1 cent for each additional pound or fraction thereof, up to four pounds, and 2 cents for each subsequent pound up to eleven pounds within a radius of twenty miles from the place of mailing, irrespective of Provincial boundaries.

(b) Ten cents for the first pound and 4 cents for each subsequent pound or fraction thereof, for all points in the Province in which a package is posted, outside of the twenty mile radius.

(c) Ten cents for the first pound and 6 cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof, for all points outside the Province in which a parcel is posted, and beyond the twenty mile radius, with an additional charge of 2 cents a pound for each Province that has to be crossed to the destination of the parcel, not including the Province in which it is to be delivered up to a maximum of 12 cents a pound.

The three Provinces, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, are to be considered as one zone.

An additional charge to meet the extra cost of transportation will be made on parcels addressed to or posted at offices in certain outlying districts, when such parcels have to be conveyed more than 100 miles by a continuous stage service, such districts to be designated by the Postmaster General.

The charge on any parcel shall not be greater than 1 cent an ounce.

Tables of rates for the several Provinces as given in the rate cards printed for distribution, will be found on pages 139, 140, 141, 142.

3.—The postage on Parcel Post packets must be prepaid by means of postage stamps securely affixed to the parcels.

An insufficiently prepaid Parcel Post packet is forwarded to destination subject on delivery to payment of double the deficiency, provided at least one cent is prepaid. After the additional postage required on any short paid parcel has been collected from the addressee, "postage due" stamps are to be affixed to the parcel and cancelled by the Postmaster.

Parcel Post packets totally unpaid will be sent to the Branch Deal Letter Office.

Franking of Parcel Post packets is expressly prohibited.

4.—A parcel post packet may be insured within Canada up to an amount of \$25.00 or the actual value of the contents, when less than that amount, upon prepayment of a fee of 5 cents in postage stamps, and up to an amount of \$50.00 or the actual value of the contents, when less than that sum upon prepayment of a fee of 10 cents in postage stamps. This fee must be prepaid, in addition to the ordinary postage, by means of postage stamps, which the sender must affix to the cover.

A parcel intended for insurance should not be dropped into a box or receiver. It should be marked with the word "Insured," and with the amount of the insurance fee the sender is paying, thus "Insured 10 cents," and be handed into the Post Office or to the rural carrier and a certificate of posting obtained, bearing an acknowledgment that an insurance fee has been paid.

The onus of properly enclosing and packing a parcel for insurance rests with the sender, the Post Office assuming no liability for loss arising from defects which may not have been observed at the time of posting.

Indemnity will be paid to the addressee, or at the request of the addressee, the sender, provided claim is made to the Department within one year of the date of posting upon receipt of sworn statements of the persons concerned:—

(a) That according to the best of their knowledge and belief the insured parcel has been lost or its contents damaged in the mails.

(b) As regards the value of the contents of the parcel or the damage sustained.

(c) As regards the ownership of the parcel.

It must appear that the loss or damage did not arise wholly or in part from the fault of the sender, as, for instance, from insufficient packing, inadequate fastenings, loss of "tie-on" label, etc. The indemnity paid will not exceed the value of the contents of the parcel lost or the damage sustained. The right is reserved of re-instating the contents of a parcel instead of giving pecuniary indemnity.