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203 miles.

An arrangement between Canada and Newfoundland, came into effect from the 1st November, 1872, establishing an uniform prepaid rate of 6 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. on letters passing between any Post Office in the Dominion and any Post Office in Newfoundland, instead of $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents as before, and providing that Newspapers, Books, printed matter and post cards sent from Canada to Newfoundland, prepaid the ordinary Canada rate on such matter, shall be delivered at destination in Newfoundland without further charge, and that the same class of matter coming prepaid from Newfoundland to Canada, shall in like manner be delivered in the Dominion, without additional charge.

A mail service by schooner commenced, in the summer of 1872, between Gaspé Basin and the North Shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the vessel touching at the Island of Anticosti, Mingan, Esquimaux Point, Natashquan, &c., and the result is stated to have been very beneficial to the fishing and other trading interests of that part of the Gulf.

Arrangements are in progress for extending a mail communication in winter, from Bersimis, where the present mail route on the North Shore of the River St. Lawrence terminates, along the coast of the River and Gulf, as far down as Mingan and Esquimaux Point.

The Chief Post Office Inspector visited British Columbia in 1872, to complete the organization of the Post Office in that Province, and arrange for submitting the whole Mail service, as far as practicable to public competition, and for thus placing it under regular contracts as in the other sections of the Dominion.

Arrangements were at the same time made with the United States Post Office, for the transmission of closed mails between British Columbia and the other Provinces of the Dominion, twice a week, by the Railway and Stage routes from San Francisco, through California, Oregon and Washington Territory to Olympia, between which place and Victoria, a Steamer plies semi-weekly.

The Victoria B. C., and San Francisco Mail service twice a month by Steamship, has been put under regular contract after advertisement.

The Contractors, Messrs. Rosenfeldt and Bermingham, of San Francisco, made the lowest offer received—namely \$2,250, per round voyage,—which is the same amount as was paid under the previous temporary agreements.