
CONVENTION between the Department of Communications of Japan and the Post Office Department of Canada, concerning the exchange of closed parcels by mail.

For the purpose of further extending the postal relations between the Empire of Japan and the Dominion of Canada, the undersigned, Count Go-to Shojiro, Minister of Communications of Japan, and John Graham Haggart, Postmaster General of Canada, by virtue of authority vested in them by law, have agreed upon the following articles :—

1. There shall be a regular exchange of closed parcels, by mail, between Japan and Canada.

2. Such parcels shall be forwarded by the steamers of the Canadian Pacific Railway and Steamship Company plying between Vancouver, Canada, and Yokohama, Japan.

3. The maximum weight of a single parcel shall be 5 lbs., and the maximum dimensions shall be two feet in length and one foot in width or depth.

4. The rate of postage shall be 25 cents per lb. or fraction thereof.

5. This postage rate shall be divided as follows : To credit of Japan, 8 cents per lb. for land transit, and to credit of Canada, 9 cents per lb. for sea transit, and 8 cents for land transit.

6. The Post Office of Canada shall provide for the sea conveyance of the parcels passing both ways between the two countries.

7. The parcels exchanged shall not contain any article, the transmission of which is prohibited under the regulations relating to other classes of matter passing by mail between the two countries.

8. Every parcel shall be accompanied by a Customs declaration, which shall be affixed to the parcel, showing the value of the contents ; and all parcels received in either country shall be subject to the Customs laws and regulations thereof.

9. The Post Office of Yokohama shall be the parcel post exchange office for Japan, and the Post Office of Vancouver, the exchange office for Canada.

10. Each parcel mail shall be accompanied by a parcel bill, in which shall be entered by the despatching office, the number of the parcel, the place of posting, the name of the addressee, the declared value of the contents, and the number of rates prepaid, and also, at the foot of the bill, the number of parcels despatched, and the gross and net weight of the mail.

11. Parcels must be securely and substantially packed and shall be despatched from one country to the other in strong wicker baskets, which the Post Office of Canada shall supply, but half the cost of which shall be paid by the Department of Communications of Japan.

12. Undelivered parcels may be re-directed to the senders in the country of origin, subject to the same postage rate to which they were severally originally liable, which may either be prepaid in the country from which the parcel is returned, or charged upon the bill for collection on delivery. Should such a parcel return without prepayment fail of delivery to the sender, the country of origin shall notify the country from which the parcel was returned of the fact, and claim credit for the amount of postage charged against it on such parcel.

13. Parcels which cannot be delivered to the persons addressed, and the senders of which cannot be found shall, unless otherwise determined in special cases, after correspondence between the two administrations, be returned to the administration of the country of origin for disposal as undelivered (dead) matter.