

Barbadoes is 25 cents a pound or fraction of a pound; on parcels to Newfoundland 15 cents per pound or fraction of a pound. A Customs Declaration of the contents and value of each parcel must be filled up at the Post Office by the sender. These parcels are forwarded by Canadian Contract Steamers only.

FIFTH CLASS MATTER.

Comprises such articles of general merchandise as are not entitled to any lower rate of postage. Postage 1 cent per oz., or fraction of an ounce. Limit of weight, 5 lbs.; of size, two feet in length by one foot in width or depth. Matter claiming to be 5th Class *must be open to inspection*, and there must be no correspondence enclosed. Packages of 5th Class Matter may be sent to the United States for the same prepayment as is required within the Dominion, but the contents will be liable to Customs inspection and collection of duty in the United States. Sealed tins containing fish, lobster, vegetables, meats, etc., if put up in a solid manner and labelled in such a way as to fully indicate the nature of their contents, may be sent as 5th Class Matter within the Dominion; but no sealed matter can be forwarded to the United States under this head. Liquids, oil and fatty substances may be sent to places in Canada and the United States as 5th Class, if put up in accordance with the ruling referring to such articles in the Canada Postal Guide for 1890, page xiv.

REGISTRATION.

All classes of matter addressed to places in Canada the United States, Newfoundland, Great Britain or any Postal Union Country may be registered for a fee of 5 cents for each article in addition to the Postage, and letters may be registered to most of the countries not included in the Union.

Every article intended for registration *must be handed in at the wicket*, and a receipt obtained therefor; *on no account must it be dropped into a letter box*. The registration fee should be paid by registration stamp.

The sender of a registered article addressed to any Postal Union Country may entitle himself to a certificate as to the disposal of said article by the Postmaster at the office addressed, on prepayment of an additional fee of 5 cents.

Registered articles cannot be forwarded unless the postage and registration fee are paid in full.

Registration stamps cannot be accepted in prepayment of postage.

POST BANDS AND STAMPED ENVELOPES.

One cent post bands for newspaper or book packet wrappers, and one and three cent stamp envelopes are issued by the Department, and may be had at the stamp vendors.

MATTER WHICH CANNOT BE FORWARDED BY POST.

Any explosive, dangerous or destructive substance, or anything likely to injure the mails or the person of any officer or servant of the Post Office.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

Deposits from \$1 upwards, on which 3½ per cent. interest is allowed, will be received for transmission to the Central Office of the Post Office Savings Bank. Pass Books, and every information, to be had on application.

MONEY ORDER OFFICE.

In sending money by mail, it is always best to transmit by Money Order, if possible. If sent by letter, it should always be registered.

Money Orders issued and paid from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NOVEMBER.—Smut is a microscopic plant that starts from a minute body called a spore. The spores when in considerable numbers make up the so-called smut of the corn, as seen in the affected ear or other parts of the infected plant. These spores may fall to the ground and remain there a long time, and when the field is planted the smut will make its entrance into the young plant. The smut spores may become lodged in the folds of the grain and remain there until planted with the corn. It is on this account that it is important to plant clean seed. The grain can be freed from the smut spores by killing them while upon it, and this may be accomplished by soaking the seed in a strong solution of blue-vitriol or blue-stone, using one pound to a gallon of water, and leaving the corn in the solution only long enough to get thoroughly wet over all the surface. A better way now recommended by many is to let the grain lie in hot water between 130 and 135 degrees Fahr. for a few minutes, then let it be spread out and dried.