

POSTAL REGULATIONS.

PRINCIPAL ALTERATIONS.

Classification of all matter passing by mail within the Dominion has been simplified, and important alterations have been made in the regulations respecting the transmission of miscellaneous matter between Canada and the United States.

The registration fee on letters to the United States has been fixed at 5 cents, as formerly.

The limit of weight for closed parcels sent from Canada to the United Kingdom has been extended from three pounds to four pounds.

FIRST CLASS MATTER.

Includes letters, post cards, legal and commercial papers wholly or partly written, and other matter of the nature of a letter or written correspondence.

The rate of postage on a letter posted within the Dominion of Canada, for transmission by mail to any place in Canada, is 3 cents per half ounce weight; but the statute provides that this rate must be prepaid by postage stamps at the time of posting the letter.

Any such letter posted wholly *unpaid* (or not prepaid one full rate of 3 cents) cannot be forwarded to its destination, but will be sent to the Dead Letter Office, *by first mail*, for return to the writer.

Letters as aforesaid posted in Canada, and addressed to places in Canada, when weighing more than half an ounce, and liable therefore to two or more rates of postage, will be transmitted by mail to destination, though not fully prepaid, if as much as one full rate of 3 cents has been prepaid thereon by postage stamp, and will in such cases be forwarded charged with double the amount of deficient postage. Thus, if such a letter weighing more than $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., and not exceeding 1 oz. in weight, be posted prepaid 3 cents only, it will be rated 6 cents unpaid—"insufficiently prepaid"—and forwarded to its address.

On letters posted at an office to be delivered from it, commonly known as *drop letters*, the rate will be 1 cent per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.; to be in all cases prepaid by postage stamp affixed to such letter when posted. Drop letters, if re-directed to some other post office in consequence of a change in the residence of the person addressed, become liable to the ordinary rate of 3 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., less the amount prepaid. Insufficiently paid drop letters will be rated with double the amount of deficient postage.

NEWSPAPERS.

Newspapers and periodicals *printed and published in Canada*, mailed by the publishers in the post office at the place where they are published, and addressed to regular subscribers or newsdealers *in Canada*, resident elsewhere than at the place of publication—or at the place of publication, provided it be not in a city or town where free delivery by letter carrier has been established—are transmitted by mail to their respective addresses in Canada, the United States or Newfoundland *free of postage*.

On all newspapers and periodicals posted in Canada, other than those addressed from the office of publication, to regular subscribers or news agents in the Dominion, including all newspapers and periodicals published less frequently than once a month, the rate will be *one cent per four ounces*, to be invariably prepaid by postage stamp. Newspapers and periodicals weighing less than one ounce each may be posted singly, if prepaid by postage stamp one half cent each.

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