

## NEW POSTAL REGULATIONS.

## [DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR.]

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

Toronto, June 12th. 1859.

On the 1st July, 1859, an Act passed last Session to amend the Post Office Laws, will come into operation in this Province.

The principal provisions of this Act, so far as they alter existing regulations, are that, from the date named: 1st. All Post Office rates and charges are to be made and collected in decimal currency—substituting cents for pence. 2nd. That letters posted in Canada, *unpaid*, for any place within the Province, shall be charged 7 cents per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz., whereas if prepaid they are to pass at 5 cents per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.—that being the decimal equivalent of the ordinary 3d. Provincial rate; and 3rd. That a postage charge is to be collected on all Canadian newspapers, except what are termed *exchange papers* addressed to the editors or publishers of newspapers.

To enable the Department to give effect to the directions of this Law, the Postmaster General requests the careful attention of Post Masters to the following instructions:—

1. In accordance with the law, all Postage Rates and Charges on Letters, Papers, &c., &c., posted or received in the Province on and after the 1st of July next, are to be made in the decimal currency, and are to be so marked upon the letters, &c., and entered in the Letter Bills, Monthly Sheets and Accounts, of which a supply of blank forms, with the columns adapted to entries in dollars and cents, will be forwarded to each Postmaster.

## LETTER RATES.

2. Letters posted in Canada addressed to any place within the Province will, if prepaid, pass for 5 cents per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz., (the decimal equivalent of 3d., the present rate,) but if posted unpaid, such letters are to be rated and charged 7 cents per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.

3. The rate on Letters to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward's Island, will continue for the present to be 5 cents per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz., with optional prepayment.

4. The rate on Letters to the United Kingdom will be,

By Canadian Packet  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz., instead of 7½d. currency.  
 “ Cunard “ 17 “ “ “ 10d. “

Letters for the United Kingdom must be prepaid, or they will be charged a fine of 6d. sterling on arrival in England.