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The impulse given last summer to the settlement of the unoccupied lands in Manitoba and the contiguous sections of the North-West Territories, rendered it necessary to send the Chief Post Office Inspector to that part of Canada, to ascertain by personal examination and enquiry what was required to give such postal accommodation as might be needed by the new settlements, and to organize accordingly the new Post Routes and Post Offices found to be necessary.

The result was that 49 new Post Offices were put in operation, and 444 miles of new Post Route were established in the sections of country alluded to.

It is believed that the arrangements thus made have worked satisfactorily, and that they will form an advantageous basis for further extensions and improvements in the service as settlement goes on in Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

A reduction has been made, from the 1st September last, in the postage rate on closed parcels sent by post within the Dominion, from  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents per eight oz. of weight to six cents per four oz. Under this change small parcels not exceeding four oz. in weight are admitted to pass for six cents, instead of  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents as before.

The regulation excluding glass from the mails has been so far relaxed as to admit spectacles and eye-glasses to pass by post, if securely put up so as to prevent any possible damage to the other contents of the mails.