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DOMINION OF CANADA

Postage Table.—(Continued).

Countries not included in Postal Union are printed in italics.	Letter Rate 1 oz.	Post Cards, each	Newspapers 2 oz.	Book p'k'ts, 2 oz.	Reg
Peru.....	5	2	1	1	5
b*Portugal, including Azores and Madeira Islands.....	5	2	1	1	5
Queensland, (Australia).....	5	2	1	1	5
a* " via Brindisi.....	5	2	1	1	5
*Roumania.....	5	2	1	1	5
Russia, including Finland.....	5	2	1	1	5
*St Helena.....	5	2	1	1	5d
Sandwich Islands.....	5	2	1	1	5
a*Seichelles Islands.....	5	2	1	1	5
a*Sierra Leone.....	5	2	1	1	5
bSpain.....	5	2	1	1	5
a*Straits Settlements (Singapore, etc.).....	5	2	1	1	5
a*Sweden.....	5	2	1	1	5
a*Switzerland.....	5	2	1	1	5
Tasmania.....	5	2	1	1	5
a* " via Brindisi.....	5	2	1	1	5
bTurkey, European & Asiatic.....	5	2	1	1	5d
a*Constantinople and Smyrna (British Postal Agencies).....	5	2	1	1	5
a*Bagdad and Basrah (India Postal Agencies).....	5	2	1	1	5
*United States of America.....	5	2	1	1	5
Venezuela.....	5	2	1	1	5
Victoria (Australia).....	5	2	1	1	5
a* " via Brindisi.....	5	2	1	1	5
a*Zanibar (India Postal Agency).....	5	2	1	1	5
West India Islands via N. Y.....	5	2	1	1	5
a*British: Bahamas, Turks Island, Antigua, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Trinidad and Tobago.....	5	2	1	1	5
a*Danish: St. Croix, St. John and St. Thomas.....	5	2	1	1	5
Spanish: Cuba.....	5	2	1	1	5
Porto Rico.....	5	2	1	1	5
Haiti, and San Domingo.....	5	2	1	1	5

*Money Orders may be had on these countries.

a Parcels may be sent to these countries.

b Parcels may be sent to the principal places or ports in these countries.

c Prepayment compulsory.

d Only Letters can be registered.

DESCRIPTIVE OF CANADA.

The Dominion of Canada is by far the largest of all the British possessions, and has an area nearly equal to that of Europe, or in other words, it comprises about one-sixteenth of the land surface of the globe. It occupies the whole northern part of North America, with the exception of the British colony of Newfoundland; the territory of Alaska, which belongs to the United States; and Greenland, which belongs to Denmark. The name Canada was first applied to the country by Jacques Cartier, and is supposed to be derived

from an Indian word "Kannatha," meaning a village, or collection of huts. The Dominion of Canada is a confederation of the colonies of British North America, constituted in 1867 by the British North America Act of that year (30 Vic., chap. 3). The first to unite under the provisions of that statute were Upper and Lower Canada (now Ontario and Quebec), Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick; and to these have been added Manitoba and the N. W. Territories in 1870, British Columbia in 1871, and Prince Edward Island in 1873. Part of the N.W. Territories was subsequently divided into provisional districts as follows:—In 1876, Keewatin; in 1882, Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, and Athabasca.

GEOGRAPHY AND PHYSICAL FEATURES.

Canada is bounded on the North by the Arctic Ocean; on the South by the United States, and the great lakes Superior, Huron, Erie, and Ontario; on the East, by Newfoundland and the Atlantic Ocean; and on the West, by the Pacific Ocean and Alaska. Area, 3,470,267 square miles, in addition to which there is a water area of lakes and rivers calculated at 140,000 square miles. The whole country is characterized by vast lakes, rivers and plains, but, with the exception of British Columbia, it is nowhere of a strictly mountainous character. The Laurentide Range, chiefly in the basin of the River St. Lawrence, runs SW to NE, and has a total length of about 3,500 miles, and an average elevation of 1,600 feet.

CLIMATE OF CANADA.

The climate of Canada is dry, healthy and invigorating, and, owing to the great area of the country, extending over 20 degrees of latitude, or from the latitude of Constantinople to the North Pole, has a wide range of temperature. The extreme dryness of the atmosphere, however, makes both cold and heat less acutely felt than the readings of the thermometer would lead people to expect. In the Maritime Provinces the climate somewhat resembles that of the British Isles; in Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba the summers are warm and the winters cold, but the cold is pleasant and bracing, and the snow that generally covers the ground during the winter is of the greatest benefit alike to the farmer, the lumberman and the merchant. In the North-West Territories cattle graze at large all through the winter months; and on the Pacific slope, west of the Rocky Mountains, the climate is milder than in any other part of the Dominion.

POPULATION OF CANADA.

According to the census returns the population of Canada was as follows:

1861	3,174,442
1871	3,635,024
1881	4,324,810
1891	4,829,411