

Post Office Department of Canada.

Rates of Postage on Letters.

Canadian letters, 3 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., and 3 cents for every fraction of $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Unpaid letters are charged 5 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Postal cards 1 cent.

The rate of Postage to British Columbia, Vancouver's Island, Manitoba, and Prince Edward Island is 3 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. if prepaid; 5 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. if not prepaid. To Newfoundland 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. must be prepaid.

UNITED STATES.—The rate of postage on letters between any place in Canada and the United States is, if prepaid, 6 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.; if unpaid, 10 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Letters addressed to, or received from United States, on which stamps are affixed, representing less than the amount of postage to which the letters are liable, are rated as wholly unpaid, no credit being given for partial payment.

The single rate of postage on letters between any place in Canada and any place in the United Kingdom is, by Canadian Packet, sailing on Saturday, 6 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.; by New York Steamer, sailing on Wednesday, 8 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

Parcel Post.

Parcels may be forwarded betwixt any offices in Canada, at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents for every 8 oz.; weight not to exceed 4 lbs., and the postage must be prepaid by stamp. The parcel should have the words "By Parcel Post" plainly written on the address.

Registration.

The following are the fees which, as well as the ordinary postage, must be prepaid at the office at which posted:—

On letters to Canada, Newfoundland, or Prince Edward Island, 2 cents; on letters to any place in the United States, 5 cents; on letters to any place in the United Kingdom, 8 cents; on parcels, packets, &c., to any part of Canada, 5 cents; on books, packets, and newspapers, to the United Kingdom, 8 cents.

When letters are registered for whatever destination, both postage and registration fees should be prepaid by stamps. The postage and registration fee on letters addressed to the United Kingdom, the United States, and places abroad, must be paid wholly in stamps or money.

A Registered letter can only be delivered to the party addressed or to his or her order. The registration does not make the Post Office responsible for its safe delivery, it simply makes its transmission more secure, by rendering it practicable to trace it when passing from one place

to another in Canada, and at least to the frontier or port of despatch.

Postage stamps, to be used in payment of the several rates, are issued as follows:— $\frac{1}{2}$ cent stamp to prepay drop letters; 2 cent stamp, to prepay Transient Newspapers, Registered Letters; 3 cent stamp, to prepay the ordinary letter rate; 6 cent stamp, to prepay the rate on United States letters; 6 cent stamp, to prepay the rate to England via Canadian Packet; 8 cent stamp, to prepay rate to England, *via*, Cunard Packet.

A mutilated stamp, or a stamp cut in half is not recognised.

Money Orders.

Money Orders, payable in the Dominion, may be obtained at any Money Order Office (of which a list can be seen at any Post Office), at the following rates:—

Under and up to \$10, 5 cents, over \$10 and not exceeding \$20, 10 cents, and 10 cents for every additional \$20 up to \$100, above which sum no single order can issue: in New Brunswick, 5 cents on each \$10.

Money Orders on England, Ireland and Scotland.—Money Orders payable at any Money Order Office in Great Britain and Ireland, can be obtained in any Money Order Office. The orders are drawn in Sterling, the commission chargeable being for £2 and under, 25 cents; from £2 to £5 50 cents; from £5 to £7 75 cents; from £7 to £10, \$1. No order can be drawn for more than £10, but any number of orders for £10 each may be procured.

The rate of commission charged on orders on Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward's Island over and above the currency value of the sterling is as follow:—

For orders not exceeding £5 sterling..... 25 cts.
For £5 and not exc. £10 sterl. 50 cts.
" £10 " " £15 " 75 cts.
" £15 " " £20 " \$1

Money Orders are now issued on British India at following rates:—

For sums not exc. £2 sterl. 30 cts.
Above £2 and " £5 " 60 cts.
" £5 " " £7 " 90 cts.
" £7 " " £10 " \$1.20.

Post Office Savings Bank.

Post Office Savings Banks, having the direct security of the Dominion, to every depositor for re-payment of all moneys deposited, with the interest due thereon.

Duties on Promissory Notes and Bills of Exchange.

Stamps required for Single Notes, Drafts, and Bills of Exchange.—3 cents for \$100; 3 cents every additional \$100; 3 cents every additional fraction of \$100.

For Notes and Drafts, Bills in Duplicate.—2 cents on each part of \$100; 2 cents for each part of every additional \$100; 2 cents on each part and for every additional fraction of \$100.

For Notes, Drafts, and Bills, in more parts than two.—1 cent on each part of \$100; 1 cent on each part for every additional \$100; 1 cent on each part for every additional fraction of \$100.

\$25, 1 cent; \$25 and upwards to \$50, 2 cents; \$50 and upwards to \$100, 3 cents: interest payable at maturity to be counted as principal. The fourth clause of the Stamp Act enacts that any cheque upon a chartered bank or licensed banker, or on any savings bank, if the same shall be payable on demand; any Post Office money order and any municipal debenture, or coupon of such debenture shall be free of duty under this Act.

Festivals, Anniversaries, &c., FOR THE YEAR 1874.

Epiphany.....	Jan. 6
Septuagesima Sunday.....	Feb. 9
Quinquages.—Shrove Sun.....	" 23
Ash Wednesday.....	" 26
St. David.....	Mar. 1
Quadrages.—1st Sun. in Lent.....	" 2
St. Patrick.....	" 17
Annunciation.—Lady Day.....	" 25
Palm Sunday.....	April 6
Good Friday.....	" 11
Easter Sunday.....	" 13
Low Sunday.....	" 20
St. George.....	" 23
Rogation Sunday.....	May 18
Ascension Day.—Holy Thursday.....	" 22
Birth of Queen Victoria.....	" 24
Pentecost.—Whit Sunday.....	June 1
Trinity Sunday.....	" 8
Corpus Christi.....	" 13
Accession of Queen Victoria.....	" 20
Proclamation.....	" 21
Midsummer Day.....	" 24
Domination Day.....	July 1
Michaelmas Day.....	Sept. 29
Birth of Prince of Wales.....	Nov. 9
St. Andrew.....	" 30
First Sunday in Advent.....	" 30
St. Thomas.....	Dec. 21
Christmas Day.....	" 26

Foreign Coins—British Value.

Cent—America, $\frac{1}{4}$ l.	
Crusado Nova—Portugal, 2s 3d.	
Dollar—Spanish, 4s 3d; American, 4s 2d.	
Ducat—Flanders, Sweden, Austria and Saxony, 9s 3d; Denmark, 8s 3d.	
Florin—Prussia, Poland, 1s 2d; Flanders, 1s 6d; Germany (Austria), 2s.	
Franc, or Livre—French, 2s 2d.	
Guilder—Dutch, 1s 8d; German, 1s 7d to 2s.	
Louis d'or.—(Old) 18s 6d.—Louis or Napoleon—16s.	
Moldore—Portugal, 26s 6d.	
Pagoda—Asia, 8s 9d.	
Plastre—Arabian, 5s 6d; Spanish, 3s 7d.	
Pistole—Spain, or Barbary, 16s 3d; Italy, 15s 6d; Sicily, 15s 4d.	
Re—Portugal, 20th of 1d; a Mill-re, 4s 6d.	
Rial—8 to a dollar, 6d.	
Rix-dollar—German, 3s 6d; Dutch, Hamburg, Denmark, and Sweden, 4s 3d.	
Rouble—Russian, 3s 3d.	
Rupce—Asia, Silver, 1s 10d; Ditto. Gold, 28s 9d.	
Sol, or Sou—French, $\frac{1}{4}$ l.	