II. MAIL TO THE UNITED STATES

LETTER RATES

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6 CENTS PER ½ OZ. SINGLE LETTER RATE

SHELBURNE, NOVA SCOTIA JUNE 9 / 1870 TO MIDDLEBURY, VT VIA YARMOUTH, N.S. JUNE 10 & DIGBY, N.S. JUNE 11.

Endorsed "PER STEAMER LINDA VIA YARMOUTH" - The wooden 500 ton steamer LINDA, commanded by Captain Oliver Hale, and owned by the Yarmouth and Boston Steamship Company, was placed on the run to Boston beginning August of 1866. The LINDA continued on the route until she ran aground on the High Head in Yarmouth County in 1871.

RATE CHANGE: 3 CENTS PER ½ OZ. 6 CENT DOUBLE (UP TO 1 OZ) LETTER RATE

AMERICAN PEACE SOCIETY "PROPAGANDA" COVER, BLAIR, C.W. NOV. 19 / 1879 TO BRECKMARKET, PA. VIA HAMILTON, ONT. & READING, PA. NOV. 22 / 79.
BARNARD’S BRITISH COLUMBIA EXPRESS

With the discovery of gold in the Fraser river valley of British Columbia in the 1850’s and the Quesnel area in the 1860’s, private express companies, which supplied the miners and carried out the gold, were also employed to carry the mails.

In 1860, Francis Barnard began a pony express service from Yale to Barkerville. By 1866 Barnard became the sole proprietor of the horse express business from Victoria to Barkerville.

In 1871 he incorporated as Barnard’s British Columbia express. The same year British Columbia joined the dominion of Canada.

The government’s contract with Barnard’s provided a subsidy to carry mail to Victoria. The contract then required that each item of mail be franked with Canadian postage stamps thereby allowing for the recovery of the subsidy.

BARNARD’S BRITISH COLUMBIA EXPRESS AND WELLS, FARGO & CO. PRINTED FRANKS ON COVER CARRIED BY BARNARD’S FROM THE CARIBOO DISTRICT, B.C. TO VICTORIA, FROM THERE CARRIED THROUGH THE WELLS, FARGO & CO. SYSTEM TO NEW YORK WHERE IT WAS PUT INTO U.S. MAIL FOR LOCAL DELIVERY.


MIXED FRANKING: AFTER 1871 BARNARD’S EXPRESS COVERS TO THE U.S. ARE VERY SELDOM SEEN WITH U.S. STAMPS.

Ex. Dale-Lichtenstein.
WELLS, FARGO - PRIVATE EXPRESS SERVICE

Mail originating in Canada required proper Canadian postage even though mail was carried by Wells, Fargo.
RATE CHANGE
FROM: 6 CENTS PER ½ OZ.
TO: 3 CENTS PER ½ OZ.
EFFECTIVE: February 2 / 1875

LETTER FROM U.S. TO CANADA, READDRESS, POSTAGE ADDED AND RETURNED TO THE U.S.

MACON CITY, MISSOURI DEC. 1 / 1878 TO ST. CATHARINES DEC. 3 / 78. READDRESS
TO HINSDALE, N.Y. AND REMAILED FROM ST. CATHARINES DEC. 5 / 1878.

6 CENT DOUBLE (1/2 – 1 OZ.) RATE

TORONTO, ONT. JULY 26 / 1879 TO ROCHESTER, N.Y. JULY 28. READDRESS TO TORONTO, U.S. POSTAGE ADDED, SENT FROM ROCHESTER JULY 31 AND RECEIVED BACK IN TORONTO AUG. 1 / 79.
3 CENTS PER ½ OZ.

HAMILTON, ONT. JULY 4 / 1878 TO ALBANY, N.Y. JULY 6 / 78.

9 CENTS TRIPLE (1 – 1 ½ OZ.) RATE

12 CENTS QUADRUPLE (1 ½ TO 2 OZ.) RATE

WINNIPEG, MAN., AUG. 31 / 1888 TO WARSAW, NEW YORK
TORONTO, ONT. DEC. 28 / 1877 TO PORT HURON, MICHIGAN POST OFFICE. COVER WAS "NOT CALLED FOR," "ADVERTISED" ON JAN. 16, TO NO AVAIL, BACKSTAMPED 30 DAYS LATER "PORT HURON, MICH. FEB. 16 / 1878, & RETURNED TO DEAD LETTER OFFICE OF CANADA FEB 21 / 1878.

ONE CENT POSTAGE DUE ADDED BY U.S.A. AS AN "ADVERTISING FEE"

MIDDLETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, NOV. 18 / 1884 THROUGH COUNTY LINE, P.E.I. NOV. 18 TO BOSTON, MASS. RECEIVED THERE NOV. 21.
McCormick’s Great Biscuit & Confectionery House set new marketing standards with its advertising methods and with innovative pre-packaged consumer sized products. These kept goods fresher longer and led to the demise of the old cracker barrel style packaging system.
REGULATIONS FOR USAGE OF REGISTERED LETTER STAMPS

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<td>5 CENTS</td>
<td>RLSs withdrawn, but remained valid for usage</td>
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PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF REGISTERED LETTER STAMPS (RLS) NOV. 15, 1875

6 CENTS PER ½ OZ + 5 CENTS REGISTRY. 11 CENT REGISTERED LETTER RATE

DORCHESTER, N.B. AUG. 1 / 1873 TO ALFRED, MAINE AUG. 2 / 73 VIA ST. JOHN, N.B. AND THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

11 CENT REGISTERED LETTER RATE

PORT STANLEY, ONT. AUG. 25 / 1873 TO JOHNSBURG, VERMONT
PICTOU, N.S. MAR 19 / 1877 TO BOSTON HIGHLANDS, MASS. VIA ST. JOHN, N.B.

LOWER ARGYLE, N.S. JAN. 25 / 1886 TO LOWELL, MASS.

"RETURNED FOR DEFICIENT POSTAGE"

2 CENT INSUFFICIENT TO PAY 5CENT REGISTRY FEE. COVER SENT TO DEAD LETTER OFFICE CANADA, SENDER NOTIFIED, 3 CENT STAMP ADDED TO MAKE UP DEFICIENCY. RECEIVED IN LOWELL FEB. 1 / 1886

3 CENTS PER OZ.

11 CENT DOUBLE REGISTERED LETTER RATE.

6 CENTS POSTAGE + 5 CENTS REGISTRY

RLS PREFERRED BUT NOT REQUIRED

MONTREAL MAY 2(?) 1893 TO BOSTON MAY 23, 1893.
THE 2 CENT REGISTRATION FEE ON MAIL TO THE U.S.
IN EFFECT FOR ONLY TWO MONTHS, MARCH & APRIL 1888

FOR THE REST OF THE SMALL QUEEN PERIOD THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR MAIL TO THE U.S. WAS 5 CENTS.

In January 1888 the U.S. and Canada signed a postal convention which extended the domestic postal rates in the country of origin to the other country. Overlooked was the fact that the domestic registration rate in Canada was 2 cents and in the U.S. was 10 cents. The 2 cent domestic registration rate for Canadian mail going to the U.S. became effective on March 1, 1888, as did the 10 cent rate for mail from the U.S. to Canada. Once this large discrepancy was noted, the convention was renegotiated to read that the registration rate shall not be less than 5 cents nor more than 10 cents. On May 1 Canada raised the rate again to 5 cents and the U.S. left its rate at 10 cents.

ONLY RECORDED FIRST DAY USAGE OF NEW 2 CENT RATE

HAMILTON, ONTARIO MARCH 1 / 1888 TO PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND MARCH 3

Date verified by backstamps:

Ex. Arfken, Harrison
Pictured: Arfken, Canada’s Small Queen Era 1870-1897, p. 212, & Harrison, Arfken, Lussey, Canada’s Registered Mail 1802-1909, p. 281.
RLS PREFERRED BUT NOT REQUIRED AS OF MAY 8, 1889

HALIFAX, N.S. AUG. 15 / 1889
TO PHILADELPHIA, AUG. 19 / 1889.

RLS NOT REQUIRED AFTER JAN. 1, 1894

QUAY, QUEBEC MAY 13
1897 TO SACRAMENTO,
CALIF. MAY 20 / 1897
VIA LEVIS, QUE. MAY 13;
MONTREAL MAY 13;
QUEBEC & RICHMOND
RR., MAY 13, WINDSOR
MAY 15.

RLSs DISCONTINUED AS
OF JANUARY 1894, BUT
STILL VALID TO PAY
REGISTRY FEES.

PARKDALE - TORONTO DEC. 30,
1895 TO ALBANY, N.Y. JAN. 1 / 1896 VIA BUFFALO, N.Y.
SAND RIVER, N.S. JUNE 2 / 1891 TO CHESTER, CONN. VIA RIVER HEBERT, HALIFAX & AMHERST R.R., ST. JOHN AND BOSTON, MASS. JUNE 4 / 91

HARTNEY, MAN. MAR 12 / 1892 TO AKRON, OHIO VIA WINNIPEG & ST. PAUL, MINN. MAR 15 / 92
3 CENTS PER OZ. + 5 CENTS REGISTRY

8 CENTS REGISTERED LETTER RATE

RLS PREFERRED BUT NOT REQUIRED AS OF 5 / 8 / 1889

TORONTO, ONT. MAY 1 / 1893 TO BROOKLYN, N.Y. MAY 3 / 93.

8 CENTS STAMP ISSUED AUG. 1 / 1893 TO PAY COMBINED 3 C. POSTAGE & 5C. REGISTRY FEE

BERWICK, N.S. JAN. 1895 TO PHILADELPHIA, PENN. VIA THE HALIFAX & ANNAPOLIS RAILWAY.

HALIFAX, N.S. MAR. 24 / 1896 TO MERCUR, UTAH (scarce destination) APR. 1 / 1896 VIA ST. JOHN, N.B. MAR. 25 & DETROIT MAR. 27.

On March 25 / 1896, New York Times reports opening of mining season in Mercur, Toole County, Utah with several new mining companies operating in the gold fields.

"RECEIVED IN BAD ORDER"

DAMAGED IN TRANSIT AND OFFICIALLY SEALED WITH U.S. POST OFFICE SEAL.

MONTREAL SEP. 12 / 1895 TO CLEVELAND, OHIO SEP. 14 / 95 VIA BUFFALO, N.Y.
BERLIN, ONT. OCT. 19 / 1894 TO NEW BERRY, PENNSYLVANIA VIA TORONTO, OCT. 19, THE LONDON, ST. MARY'S & TORONTO R.R., AND BUFFALO, OCT. 19 / 94.

31 CENTS REGISTERED (UP TO 8 OZS.) LETTER RATE

OTTAWA OCT.26 / 1876 TO JOHNSTOWN, NY
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT OR GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL APPLIED FREE FRANK SIGNATURE STAMP.
HOWEVER, SINCE DESTINATION WAS THE UNITED STATES, THE "FREE" POSTAGE WAS
NOT VALID AND 3 CENTS POSTAGE WAS ADDED.

OTTAWA DEC. 15 / 1890 TO WHITE POST, VIRGINIA, DEC. 17.
OTTAWA . CANADA . FREE CIRCULAR DATE STAMP AND PARTIALLY VISIBLE SIGNATURE OF A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
OR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE UNDER THE STAMP INDICATE THAT THE LETTER WAS TO BE SENT "FREE."
HOWEVER, "FREE" POSTAGE WAS NOT VALID. 3 CENT STAMP ADDED TO PAY POSTAGE.
FREE FRANKING PRIVILEGE DID NOT EXTEND TO MAIL TO UNITED STATES
3 CENTS PER OZ. + 5 CENTS REGISTRATION
11 CENTS DOUBLE (1 TO 2 OZS.) RATE

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT OR GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL APPLIED FREE FRANK SIGNATURE STAMP.
ORIGINALLY STAMPED "REGISTERED OTTAWA FREE."
SINCE ADDRESSED TO THE U.S. REQUIRED POSTAGE ADDED TO PAY 6 CENTS POSTAGE & 5 CENTS REGISTRATION. CANCER
OTTAWA MAIN POST OFFICE WITH "CIRCLE & C."

CONTRARY TO REGULATIONS – NEITHER POSTAGE NOR REGISTRATION FEE PAID

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PRINTING AND STATIONERY,
STATIONERY OFFICE.

REGISTERED LETTER FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA SEPT. 25, / 1896 TO HOLYOKE, MASS.
SENT THRU HOUSE OF COMMONS POST OFFICE.
POSTAGE AND REGISTRATION FEE SHOULD HAVE BEEN PAID.
FIFTH CLASS MAIL: ONE CENT PER OZ. - 5 LB. LIMIT (1890)

This special class of mail was established January 14, 1888 and extended to the United States March 1, 1888. It covered mail not covered by the other four classes. As sealed parcel post (4th class) packages were not accepted by the U.S. postal service, the new fifth class mail was to be open for postal inspection and so was acceptable. Used for small items of merchandise, samples, etc.

Montreal to Hillsboro Bridge, N.H.

Bag tag was attached to kit promoting canvassing for a representative of Fonthill Nurseries.

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From Stone & Wellington
Montreal, Que.

Name of Sale

Name of Purchaser: B. H. Webster

Location

Con. Lot Tp.

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Belleville, Ont,
Feb. 20 / 1895 to Falmouth, Mass.
Feb. 22 / 95

5th class

L. W. Ruddle Ego

Falmouth, Mass

Add. Sams

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St. John, N.B. (1893+) to Cambridge, Mass. Address portion of package containing samples paying postage for up to 18 ozs.

Unusual use of 8c. which was issued 8/1/1893 specifically to pay the registered rate for a domestic letter (3c. postage + 5c. registry).
### Special Non Letter Rates

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**St. John, N.B. Jan. 13 / 1872 To Winterport Maine Jan. 13 / 72.**

**Printed Circular**

**Canada Post**

The address only to be written

To The Bacheurs

Nassau St. New York

2 Cent Postcard Rate

St. John, N.B. Oct. 23 / 1874 To New York

**½ Cent Transient Newspaper Rate**

Private Wrapper carried Philatelic Messenger from Oak Hill, N.B. To East Pepperville, Mass.
1 CENT PER 4 OZS.  

PHOTOGRAPHER'S BOOK POST

MONTREAL TO NEW YORK CITY

PAID BOOK POST, PRINTED MATTER ONLY.

L. E. DESMARAI  & CIE, 14, Rue St-Laurent.

[Address written in cursive]

LONDON, ONT. TO STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA APR. 29 / 1896

L. M. STAABLER,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
STAMP DEALER AND PUBLISHER,
LONDON, - CANADA.

[Address written in cursive]
ONE CENT PER 4 OZ.
PRINTED MATTER RATE
OVERPAID 1 CENT.
UNSEALED ENVELOPE.

VANCOUVER, B.C. NOV. 5 / 1895 TO BENECIA, CALIF.
RECEIVED NOV. 8 / 95.

PRINTED MATTER RATE TO
U.S. WAS 1 CENT PER 4 OZS.
2 CENT WAS "FOREIGN"
PRINTED MATTER RATE.

"INSUFFICIENTLY
PREPAID" AT PRINTED
MATTER RATE

MONTREAL OCT. 2 / 1893 TO
FLUSHING, N.Y. OCT. 3 / 93.

ORIGINALLY MARKED
"INSUFFICIENTLY PAID".
CONTAINED CORRESPONDENCE, 2 CENT STAMP
ADDED TO PAY PROPER 3C.
POSTAGE TO U.S.

1 CENT "PRIVATE"
POSTCARD RATE

USE OF PRIVATE
POSTCARDS NOT
AUTHORIZED

SIMCOE, ONT. DEC. 10 / 1895
TO PHILADELPHIA

CARD WAS PART OF 2 PART
POSTCARD TO BE USED AS
RETURN MAILING FROM
ADDRESS IN U.S. ONE CENT
STAMP ADDED TO PAY
CANADIAN POSTAGE. PASSED
THROUGH MAILS AS EITHER
POSTCARD OR PRINTED
MATTER.