III. MAIL TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

**LETTER RATES:**

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8 CENTS PER ½ OZ RATE VIA THE US (1 CENT OVERPAID)

**TORONTO, ONT. AUG 8 / 1870 TO CRANARD, IRELAND**
**AUG. 23 VIA GUION PACKET MINNESOTA. FROM NEW YORK TO QUEENSTOWN, ARRIVING AUG. 21 & EDGECRTHSTOWN AUG. 22 / 1870.**

**MOURNING COVER FROM ST. ANDREWS, QUE. APR. 12 / 1873 TO HEMINGSFORD, ENGLAND, VIA THE U.S. (Overlapping stamps was prohibited by postal regulations.)**

**HALIFAX APR 7 / 1874 TO BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND VIA THE ALLAN LINE PACKET NESTORIAN DEPARTING HALIFAX APR 7 AND ARRIVING IN QUEENSTOWN, IRELAND APRIL 15, & BIRMINGHAM APR 17 / 1874.**
THE ALLAN (CANADIAN) LINE

The Allan Line took over the Halifax-Queenstown route from the Inman Line (British) in July 1871. However, Liverpool post office continued to use BR. PACKET handstamp even though packets were now Canadian. This may have been because 50% of Allan Line's subsidy for this route came from Britain.

12 CENTS DOUBLE (½ TO 1 OZ.) RATE

HALIFAX DEC. 5 / 1871 TO EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND VIA THE HIBERNIA ARRIVING IN EDINBURGH DEC. 16.

PAID AT 6 CENT (1/2 OZ.) RATE ALTHOUGH U.K. GRANTED CANADA 5 C. PREFERRED RATE AS OF OCT. 1 / 1875

QUEBEC, P.O. JUL. 14 / 1877 TO CLITHEROL, ENGLAND VIA ALLAN LINE SARMATIAN ARRIVING LIVERPOOL JUL 22. MANCHESTER & CLITHEROL JUL 23 / 1877

RARE "CANADIAN-PKT" TRANSIT MARKING DATED JUL. 14 / 1877. Used by ocean mail clerks on Canadian packets to cancel mail handed in at steamer & not previously cancelled. Found usually on large queen issue (Duckworth). Not mentioned in Arfken's Small Queen's Era.
8 CENTS PER 1/2 OZ. CUNARD RATE 
(INCLUDES 2 CENT U.S. TRANSIT FEE).

16 CENT DOUBLE (1/2 TO 1 OZ.
PRE UPU LETTER RATE.

Effective October 1, 1875 the U.K. extended to Canada the General Postal Union rate of 5 cents per 1/2 oz., eliminating the 2 cent surcharge for mail going through the U.S.

TORONTO AUG. 15 / 1875 TO LONDON, ENGLAND. RECEIVED AUG. 31 / 1875 VIA CUNARD PACKET OUT OF NEW YORK.

MANUSCRIPT “4” BRITISH ACCOUNTANCY MARK
GENERAL POSTAL UNION "PREFERRED" RATE

EFFECTIVE OCT. 1, 1875, THE U.K. EXTENDED TO CANADA THE GENERAL POSTAL UNION RATE OF 5 CENTS PER 1/2 OZ., WHICH BECAME THE UPU RATE WHEN CANADA JOINED THE UPU AUGUST 1, 1878

5 CENTS PER 1/2 OZ.

MONTREAL NOV. 10 / 1876 TO SHEFFIELD, ENGLAND, RECEIVED NOV 24, VIA ALLAN LINE PACKET CIRCASSIAN DEPARTING HALIFAX NOV. 11 ARRIVING LIVERPOOL NOV. 23.

10 CENT DOUBLE RATE

QUEBEC CITY JAN. 10 / 1876 TO GLASGOW, SCOTLAND JAN. 25. VIA ALLAN LINE PACKET HIBERNIAN DEPARTING HALIFAX JAN. 13, ARRIVING QUEENSTOWN JAN 25.

15 CENT TRIPLE RATE (1 CENT OVERPAID)

MIDDLEMARCH, ONT. SEP. 16 / 1876 TO LONDON, ENGLAND OCT. 5 VIA HAMILTON & ST. THOMAS SEP. 18. CARRIED ON ALLAN LINE PACKET SARDINIAN, DEPARTING HALIFAX SEP. 23, ARRIVING LIVERPOOL OCT. 4.
CANADA JOINS THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION (UPU)
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 1878
RATES TO ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES - 5 CENTS PER ½ OUNCE.

5 CENTS PER ½ OZ.  IRELAND  SINGLE UPU LETTER RATE

HAMILTON, ONT. JAN. 20 / 1882 TO DUBLIN, FEB. 4 / 82. CARRIED ON THE ALLAN LINE PACKET POLYNESIAN, DEPARTING HALIFAX JAN 21, ARRIVING LIVERPOOL JAN. 30

SCOTLAND

HALIFAX, N.S. JUNE 30 / 1882 TO LEITH, SCOTLAND JULY 13 / 82 VIA ALLAN LINE PACKET HIBERNIAN, DEPARTING QUEBEC JULY 1, ARRIVING LIVERPOOL JULY 11. BACKSTAMPED “EDINB&CARSTAIRS SORTING TENDER JULY 12.”
5 CENTS PER ½ OZ.

SELF-GOVERNING DEPENDENCIES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY

MONTREAL APR. 24 / 1887 TO GUERNSEY MAY 6 / 1887.

BAILIWICK OF JERSEY

ST. JOHN, N.B, FEB. 17 / 1893 TO ST. MARY'S, JERSEY MAR. 3 / 1893

10 CENT DOUBLE (UP TO 1 OZ.) RATE

ISLE OF MAN

MONTREAL FEB. 17 / ? TO ANDREAS, ISLE OF MAN
MONTREAL DEC. 7 / 1890
TO LONDON, ENGLAND
VIA WHITE STAR’S S.S. TEUTONIC.

One cent blue is cut out
From envelope
- against regulations

10 CENT DOUBLE RATE
ALVINSTON, ONT. FEB. 17
/1881 TO LONDON MAR. 9 / 81.
VIA ALLAN LINE POLYNESIAN
DEPARTING HALIFAX FEB. 26,
ARRIVING LIVERPOOL MAR. 8 &
LONDON MAR. 9 / 1881

Addressed to Rt. Rev. Lord
Bishop of Huron, Ontario
(Isaac Hellmuth), Bishop
1871-1883. Founder of
Huron University College
and University of Western
Ontario.

LOMBARDY, ONT. APR. 19 / 1886 TO
TEDDINGTON, ENGLAND MAY 3 / 86.
CARRIED ON DOMINION LINE
OREGON, DEPARTING HALIFAX
APR. 24, ARRIVING LIVERPOOL
MAY 4 AFTER STOPPING AT BRISTOL
(AVONMOUTH) TO DROP MAIL FOR
LONDON.
MONTREAL
JUNE 14 / 1880 TO
LIVERPOOL JUNE 27
VIA NEW YORK
BY U.S. PACKET.

QUEEN'S HOTEL,
W. G. CAMERON, Proprietor.
RAT PORTAGE, ONT.

RAT PORTAGE, ONT.
JUNE 20 / 1896 TO
DEVENPORT, ENGLAND
JUL. 9 / 1896, VIA THE
CPR & WINDSOR, ONT

HAMiLTON, ONT.
SEP. 23 / 1887 TO
EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND,
OCT. 7, LONDON &
NIAGARA FALLS Ry P.O.
SEP. 23, REDIRECTED AT
EDINBURGH. 1d STAMP
ADDED PAYS FORWARDING
POSTAGE

10 CENT DOUBLE RATE

10 CENT DOUBLE UPU LETTER RATE (UP TO 1 OZ.)
Cover carried on the North German Lloyd S.S. *Eider* out of New York bound for Bremen. The *Eider* carried 227 passengers and a cargo of cotton, maize, 8 ½ tons of gold and silver, and 500 sacks of mail.

On January 31 / 1892 the *Eider* entered the English Channel, encountered a dense fog bank about 10 pm, and ran aground near the Atherfield Ledge, Isle of Wight, about ½ mile from shore. Atherfield Lifeboat was launched, but assistance refused by captain Heineke of *Eider* who hoped to refloat at next high tide. This proved unsuccessful as did efforts of several tugs. Four lifeboats over the next four days evacuated the passengers, cargo and mail. Passengers were sent to Southampton where they were able to continue on another ship to Bremen. The lifeboatmen received congratulations for their bravery from Queen Victoria.

The *Eider* was hauled off the Atherfield Ledge March 29, taken to Southampton, where she was declared a complete loss and scrapped.
REGISTERED MAIL

REGISTRATION FEES

AS OF 1/1/1870
EFFECTIVE 10/1/1876
EFFECTIVE 1/1/1878
EFFECTIVE 5/8/1889
EFFECTIVE 8/1/1893

8 CENTS
8 CENTS - REGISTERED LETTER STAMP REQUIRED
5 CENTS - 5 C. RLS. REQUIRED
5 CENTS - 5C. RLS, 2 C. RLS, SMALL QUEENS, ANY COMBINATION
5 CENTS - RLSs STILL VALID BUT NOT REQUIRED

6 CENTS PER ½ OZ. + 8 CENTS REGISTRY
14 CENT REGISTERED LETTER RATE

WHITBY, ONT. FEB. 20 / 1873
TO BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND
VIA RAIL TO PORTLAND,
MAINE, ALLAN LINE PACKET
PRUSSIAN LEAVING
PORTLAND FEB. 25 / 1873,
ARRIVING LIVERPOOL MAR. 6
AND BIRMINGHAM MAR. 12.

26 CENTS PRE-UPU
TRIPLE (1 - 1 ½ OZS.)
LETTER RATE.
(18 CENTS POSTAGE
+8 CENTS REGISTRY)

MONTREAL, QUE. APR. 20 / 1875 TO STAFFORD, ENGLAND MAY 13 / 75. CARRIED ON THE PERUVIAN, LEAVING PORTLAND
MAY 1, ARRIVING LIVERPOOL MAY 13.
5 CENTS POSTAGE + 5 CENTS REGISTRY

(PREFERRED GENERAL POSTAL UNION (GPU) RATES GRANTED TO CANADA BY THE U.K. - UPU RATES BECAME EFFECTIVE WHEN CANADA JOINED UPU AUG. 1, 1878)

RLS REQUIRED

ONE OF THREE COVERS REPORTED BEARING THE 5 CENT RLS PAYING THE "PREFERRED" REGISTRATION FEE TO THE UK DURING THE SEVEN MONTH PERIOD BEFORE CANADA'S ADMITTANCE TO THE UPU.

BROCKVILLE, ONT. APR. 12 / 1878 TO LONDON, ENGLAND VIA HALIFAX APR. 20.
CARRIED ON ALLAN LINE PACKET PERUVIAN ARRIVING LIVERPOOL APR. 29.

5 CENTS PER ½ OZ.+ 5 CENT REGISTRY

SINGLE REGISTERED LETTER RATE
8 CENT RLS OVER PAYS REGISTRY FEE 3 CENTS

LES ESCOUMAIN, QUEBEC, DEC. 13 / 1883 TO LONDON DEC. 31 VIA QUEBEC CITY DEC. 17 & HALIFAX DEC. 22. CARRIED ON ALLAN LINE PACKET PERUVIAN, ARRIVING LIVERPOOL DEC. 31.
5 CENTS PER ¼ OZ. + 5 CENTS REGISTRY

RELAXED PERIOD – RLS PREFERRED BUT NOT REQUIRED

Winnipeg, Man Apr 3 / 1890 to London Apr. 17.

5 CENTS PER ¼ OZ. + 5 CENTS REGISTRY
OVER ¼ OZ. “RETURNED FOR POSTAGE” ENDED IN DEAD LETTER OFFICE

Brantford, Ont. May 31 / 1892, Hamilton, Ont. June 1, Dead Letter Office June 2.
USE OF REGISTERED LETTER STAMPS NOT REQUIRED BUT STILL VALID AFTER AUGUST 1 / 1893

5 CENTS PER ½ OZ. + 5 CENTS REGISTRY

UNDERPAID 2 CENTS

NO INDICATION THAT 2 CENT SHORTAGE OR PENALTY WAS COLLECTED.


5 CENTS PER ½ OZ. + 5 CENTS REGISTRY

10 CENTS POSTAGE + 5 CENTS REGISTRY

DOUBLE UPU REGISTERED LETTER RATE (UP TO 1 OZ.)

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I. APR. 26 / 1894 TO BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND MAY 8 / 1894, VIA HALIFAX APR. 27 / 94 AND LIVERPOOL MAY 8 / 1894.
QUEBEC JUNE 4/1894 TO LONDON, ENGLAND JUNE 18/1894

25 CENTS QUADRUPLE (UP TO 2 OZS.) REGISTERED RATE

OTTAWA APR. 25, 1896 TO COLCHESTER MAY 7/1896

WINCH BROTHERS

Colchester
## UNDERPAID MAIL

**EARLY 1870's**
**EFFECTIVE 10/1/1875**
- **PAID 3c.** (5c. SINGLE RATE LETTER)  
  **OVERWEIGHT** (10c. DOUBLE RATE LETTER)  
- **DEFICIENCY + FINE OF 3d. OR 6c.**  
  **DOUBLE THE RATE, CREDIT FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT.**  
- **SHORT 2c. DUE 7c. 3 1/2 d.**  
  **SHORT 5c. DUE 15c. 7 1/2 d.**

**EFFECTIVE 4/1/1879** — UPON ESTABLISHED “DOUBLE THE DEFICIENCY” PENALTY FOR UNDERPAYMENT:
- **PAID 3c.** (5c. SINGLE LETTER RATE)  
  **OVERWEIGHT (10c. DOUBLE LETTER RATE)**  
- **SHORT 2c. DUE 4c. 2d. 10 CENTIMES**  
  **SHORT 5c. DUE 10c. 5d. 25 CENTIMES**

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12 CENTS DOUBLE RATE (1/2 TO 1 OZ.)  
UNDERPAID 6 CENTS - DUE 6 CENTS (3d.) + 3d. FINE = 6d.

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HALIFAX APR. 8 / 1873 TO MALVERN, ENGLAND. APR. 22 / 73 VIA THE INMAN LINE PACKET NORTH AMERICAN, DEPARTING HALIFAX APR. 8, ARRIVING QUEENSTOWN APR. 20, THEN THROUGH LIVERPOOL AND BIRMINGHAM (APR. 21).

RATED AS DUE 4 1/2 d. (BLUE CRAYON) — CORRECTED TO “6” MANUSCRIPT.

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8 CENTS PER 1/2 OZ. — (VIA U.S. - “CUNARD LINE”) RATE  
UNDERPAID 2 CENTS - DUE 4 CENTS (2 1/2 d.)

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MAIL SENT VIA THE UNITED STATES WAS CHARGED A TRANSIT FEE OF 2 CENTS. SHORT PAY OF 2c. WAS DOUBLED TO 4c. OR 2 1/2 d. DUE. THIS WAS THE DOMESTIC METHOD OF HANDLING SHORT PAYS AND, APPARENTLY, THE USUAL 3d. FINE IN ENGLAND WAS NOT IMPOSED.

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BARRIE, ONT. OCT. 18 / 1873 TO GLASGOW, SCOTLAND NOV. 3 / 73. SENT VIA A GUION LINE PACKET. BACKSTAMPED “LIVERPOOL / US PACKET / 11-3-73.”
ON GARRISON DUTY IN DOMINION OF CANADA
In May 1872 H.M 87th Royal Irish Fusiliers embarked at Malta for Halifax, Nova Scotia where it remained for four years, leaving in December 1876. Letter written by bandsman A.E. Walker. Countersigned by his commanding officer Colonel N. Stevenson.

MAIL FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA TO GREAT BRITAIN USING WELLS, FARGO - PRIVATE EXPRESS SERVICE
Beginning in July 1858, much of the mail from British Columbia to eastern Canada and the United States went by Wells, Fargo to cities in the U.S. where it was put into regular US mail service. Mail originating in Canada had to have proper Canadian postage paid. Mail posted into the U.S. mails required the appropriate U.S. postage, also. Wells, Fargo provided this fast and reliable mail service for a fee (usually 25c.), this service was terminated in 1895 at the insistence of the U.S. post office.

THE TWO 6c. SMALL QUEENS PAY THE CANADIAN POSTAGE TO THE U.S. THE U.S. ENTIRE (STAMPED ENVELOPE) PAYS RATE TO ENGLAND.

CANADIAN STAMPS AND INDICIA BOTH CANCELLED WITH NEW YORK FOREIGN MAIL “CROSSROADS” POSTMARK

INDISTINCT BLUE TWO LINE HANDSTAMP READS “FOR GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND”

WELLS, FARGO & CO. PRINTED FRANK ON 6 CENT U.S. ENTIRE CARRIED FROM VICTORIA, B.C. OCT. 28 / 1872 THROUGH THE WELLS, FARGO & CO. SYSTEM TO NEW YORK, NOV. 13 / 1872. PUT INTO U.S. MAIL FOR FORWARDING TO LONDON, ENGLAND, REC’D NOV. 27 / 1872.
MAIL FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA TO GREAT BRITAIN USING
WELLS, FARGO - PRIVATE EXPRESS SERVICE

WELLS, FARGO & CO. PRINTED FRANK ON 6 CENT U.S. ENTIRE CARRIED FROM VICTORIA, B.C. JUNE, 1873 THROUGH THE
WELLS, FARGO & CO. SYSTEM TO NEW YORK, JUN. 18. PUT INTO U.S. MAIL FOR FORWARDING TO LONDON, ENGLAND, REC’D
JUN. 30.

THE 6c. SMALL QUEEN PAYS THE CANADIAN POSTAGE TO THE U.S. THE U.S. ENTIRE (STAMPED ENVELOPE) & 6 CENT U.S.
STAMP PAYS THE DOUBLE 6 CENT TREATY RATE TO LONDON.

CANCELLED WITH NEW YORK FOREIGN MAIL "STAR" POSTMARK

INDISTINCT BLUE TWO LINE HANDSTAMP READS "FOR GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND"

Ex. Wellburn, Carr & Ainsworth
SPECIAL NON LETTER RATES
CERTAIN NEWSPAPERS & PERIODICALS
BOOK POST, PRINTED MATTER

2 CENTS PER 4 OZS.
2 CENTS 1 1/2 OZ.
4 CENTS 1 – 2 OZS.
1 CENT PER 2 OZ.
2 CENTS

EFFECTIVE 1 / 1 / 1881
POST CARDS – 1 / 1 / 1877

2 CENTS PER 4 OZS.
NEwSPAPER WRAPPER

PRIVATE ORDER LETTER SHEETS
POSTAGE IMPRINTED EFFECTIVE 1893

MONTREAL JUL. 1 / 1897 TO LONDON, ENGLAND JUL. 13 / 1897.

Used by the Canadian Pacific Railroad for mailing its monthly earnings statement
Written on board CPR while riding through beautiful country...lakes...cascades...a black swan. Rode on corduroy (log) roads and in birch bark canoe...visited copper & nickel mines...bringing samples for our museum.