TOWN DELIVERIES.

The portion of each district within about three miles of the General Post Office is designated the town delivery, and the remainder the suburban delivery.

SUBURBAN DELIVERIES.

There are seven despatches to the suburban districts. The first is at 6.30 a.m. to all places within the London district limits; and includes the correspondence by the night mails from the provinces, and by any colonial or foreign mails arriving in suburban districts. Suburban post boxes are placed in the nearer suburbs by 9 a.m., and at the more distant places between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The second despatch is to the more distant places in the same manner. The third is at 11.30 a.m., and comprises, with a few exceptions, every part of the London district. The fourth despatch, at 2.30 p.m., is to most suburban districts, Including the London district. The fifth despatch, at 4.30 p.m., extends to the whole of the suburban districts, and, except in the more rural places, the letters are delivered at 5 p.m. The sixth despatch, at 6 p.m., is to the nearer suburbs. The seventh despatch is at 9.30 p.m. Letters for this despatch posted at the town receiving houses between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the chief office of the district to which they are addressed by 7.30 p.m., are delivered the same evening at the principal suburban towns, six miles distant from the city, and the more distant places the letters are delivered early the following morning.

THE NEWSPAPER HALFPENNY POSTAGE.

applies to any publication containing more than 250 printed pages, and to any political or other news, or of articles relating thereto, or to other current topics, with or without advertisements, and published at intervals of not more than seven days; and for each newspaper the prepaid postage is one halfpenny. Every newspaper must be so folded as to show the name of the little being read. No packet of newspapers must exceed 1lb. weight nor 2ft. in length.

In order that no failure may occur in the delivery of newspapers through the post, it is recommended that they be written on exposed parts of the newspapers themselves as well as on the cover.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN.

Under the powers given to the Postmaster-General by the Post-Office Act, 1876, the regulations relating to the registration of letters abroad, and the classification of post offices in the British Empire and India, have been revised. The definition laid down in the Act, in regard to newspapers which have been chaffed for transmission through the post office, is that a 'Market Report,' but not private price-lists or trade catalogues, are admitted to the same privileges as newspapers for foreign transmission. Publications prepared for transmission abroad must be posted at least five days from the date of publication, including the day of publication, otherwise they will be rejected. It is proposed to make the post, political newspapers of any kind, and therefore they must be posted through the agency of some established bookbinder. Printed periodicals in covers or tubes, not exceeding 2ft. in length, may be posted.

Book Post.—A Book-Packet may contain books, paper, or other substance in ordinary use for writing or printing, without plain or written or printed upon the exclusion of any written letter or publication of the nature of a letter; photographs, when not on glass or in frames containing glass or any like substance, and anything usually appertaining to such articles in the way of binding and mounting, or necessary for their transmission by post. 'Market Reports,' but not private price-lists or trade catalogues, are admitted to the same privileges as newspapers for foreign transmission. Postage is charged at the printed rate, engraved, or lithographed. The postage is one halfpenny for every 3 pages, or fraction of that weight. A packet posted wholly without a cover shall be charged the halfpenny rate, to be partially prepaid, with double the deficiency. Every book-packet must be so folded as to show the nature of the packet. Every book-packet, unless the contrary is stated, is to be prepaid. It must not exceed 3 lb., in weight and 18in. in length. With regard to the newspaper post, it is necessary to draw attention to the fact that there is no stamp duty on the inland postal matter, Although the newspaper post is also not subject to any stamp duty. This fact should be added that the newspapers contained in a packet are severely scrutinized and the packet can be more cheaply transmitted at the book-rate of a halfpenny, whereas the cost of book-postage only, according to weight, is chargeable. In regard to the second point, it is laid down that a newspaper is not to be treated as a book-packet for the purpose of registration, unless the contrary is stated, unless unless the contrary is stated. It is laid down that a newspaper is not to be treated as a book-packet for the purpose of registration, unless the contrary is stated, unless unless the contrary is stated.