THE POST OFFICE.

From the thirteenth report (1884) of the Postmaster-General we gather that the accommodations of the Post Office in London have increased over those of the previous year. The decrease was £37,465, and this arose from having to spend, by order of the House of Commons, £150,000 in preparing for the introduction of the new penny post-office system. The number of letters and packets sent through the post-office increased by 8 per cent. The number of letters sent in the United States increased by 15 per cent. The number of letters sent through the telegraph plant for the year was 2,070,662,000, and the number of telegrams sent was 18,561,000.

The THE POST OFFICE.

The Post Office in London is closed on Sundays, with some exceptions, which are open for the receipt and dispatch of telegrams during certain hours.

Double or reply inland post-office cards are sold at the following prices:
- Short Cards—1 s. 2d.; 2 s. 4d.; 3 s. 6d.; 4 s. 8d. for a parcel of 6.
- Thin Cards—1 s. 2d.; 2 s. 4d.; 3 s. 6d.; 4 s. 8d. for a parcel of 4.
- Medium Cards—1 s. 2d.; 2 s. 4d.; 3 s. 6d.; 4 s. 8d. for a parcel of 3.
- Long Cards—1 s. 2d.; 2 s. 4d.; 3 s. 6d.; 4 s. 8d. for a parcel of 2.

For 8d. post-office cards, the amount is 6d. for a parcel of 8.

For First Class post-office cards, the amount is 6d. for a parcel of 8.

Inquiries for Missing Letters, etc., should be made at the Secretary's Office, New Buildings, between ten a.m. and four p.m. (Saturdays between ten and one).

INLAND BOOK POST.

The postage is one halfpenny per 90s. or part of that weight.

Foreign post-office cards and letters are charged with 2d. for each post-office letter, and if posted partially prepaid, with double the deficiency.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN BOOK POST.

The limit of size for book-postage addressed to any place abroad is 24 in. in length and 12 in. in width or depth. The postage is 6d. a pound.

FOREIGN CARD POST.

The postage of a card is in every case one half the rate for a single letter.

Foreign post-office cards with an impressed stamp of 1 d. are sent at that rate, and are transmissible to the majority of the countries of the United States by express. The form used is red, and in both cases it is important to make corrections to the Post-Office Guide.

REGISTRATION (INLAND AND FOREIGN).

The fee for registering a letter, newspaper, or book-packet passing between any two places in the United Kingdom is tenpence. The fee for a foreign letter, newspaper, or book-packet is one shilling. Every letter to be registered should be presented at the counter, and a receipt given for it, and should be encased to the letter-box. It is contrary to the law to make any alterations into the letter-box; it will, if directed to any place in the United Kingdom or abroad, be liable to a registration fee of 1s. Instead of the ordinary fee of 2d.

INDIAN PARCEL POST.

1. Persons wishing to send articles to the British India can do so through the Indian Parcel Post Agency—established under authority of the Postmaster-General of the Post Office in India, at 102, Lendsenhall Street, E.C., and (Branch Office) at 26, Gough Street, and 12, Gough Street, W.C., where articles may be posted.

2. The charge for parcels is 1s. per Ib. or fraction of 1 lb. (prepayment of postage required). The maximum size of a parcel is 2 ft. by 1 ft. by 1 ft. or 3 ft. by 1 ft. by 1 ft. or 3 ft. by 2 ft. by 1 ft. or 3 ft. by 2 ft. by 2 ft.; but no parcel may be larger than 10 ft. by 5 ft. by 5 ft. or 10 ft. by 10 ft. by 3 ft.

3. The maximum weight of a parcel is 40 lb. and no parcel may be larger than 10 ft. by 5 ft. by 5 ft. or 10 ft. by 10 ft. by 3 ft. or 30 ft. by 2 ft. by 2 ft.

4. In the case of articles in transit, Indian Customs duties of chargeable will be realized from the addressee.

5. Parcels containing books only, or articles treated as books under the British Indian Post Office regulations, in transit, Indian Customs duties of chargeable will be realized from the addressee.

6. There is a Pattern and Sample Post to certain colonies and foreign cities, but it is restricted to bona fide trade patterns or samples of merchandise.

MODES OF PAYMENT.

Inland letters, newspapers, or book-packets cannot be prepaid in money, but must be prepaid by means of stamps, either adhesive or embossed or impressed. This rule applies also to registered letters.

Post-Office Savings Bank.-At the Chief and District Post Offices, or the County and Barham-street Post Offices in London, as well as at the Head Offices in Edinburgh and Dublin.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS.

All Post Offices in the London District are closed on Sundays and holidays, with some exceptions, which are open for the receipt and dispatch of telegrams during certain hours.

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- Thin Cards—1 s. 2d.; 2 s. 4d.; 3 s. 6d.; 4 s. 8d. for a parcel of 4.
- Medium Cards—1 s. 2d.; 2 s. 4d.; 3 s. 6d.; 4 s. 8d. for a parcel of 3.
- Long Cards—1 s. 2d.; 2 s. 4d.; 3 s. 6d.; 4 s. 8d. for a parcel of 2.

For 8d. post-office cards, the amount is 6d. for a parcel of 8.

For First Class post-office cards, the amount is 6d. for a parcel of 8.

The following are the general conditions in regard to weight, dimensions, rates, and time of postage:

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