

Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1851. Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1851.

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An Act in addition to the Law relating to inland Posts. Passed 15th March 1851.

Whereas by an Act passed at the last Session of the General Assembly, and therein designated "The Post Office Act," a Scale of Weights for Letters was by the sixth section thereof established, which does not conform in all respects with the scale of weights and charges for Letters and Printed Papers now established in the United Kingdom; and it is desirable that uniformity should, as far as possible, exist in that particular, and also that authority should be given for entering into Postal arrangements with the United States.

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, as follows:—

1st. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make such Orders as are necessary for causing the relative scale of weights and charges enumerated in the sixth section of "The Post Office Act," to correspond as far as may be with the relative scale of weights and charges now or hereafter to be established in the United Kingdom.

2nd. The Governor in Council shall have power and authority to carry into effect any Postal arrangements made with the United States, either separately for New Brunswick, or in conjunction with Canada, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward Island, or any or either of those Colonies.

3rd. Printed Books, Magazines, Reviews or Pamphlets, whether British, Colonial or Foreign, may be sent through the Post from this Colony to the United Kingdom, or from the United Kingdom to this Colony, or through the United Kingdom to or from this Colony and any other British Colony, whether the conveyance be by Packet or private Ship, under the regulations contained in the Schedule to this Act, at the following rates of postage:—

For a single Volume not exceeding half a pound in weight, six pence sterling;

For a single Volume exceeding half a pound and not exceeding one pound in weight, one shilling sterling;

For a single Volume exceeding one pound and not exceeding two pounds in weight, two shillings sterling;

For a single Volume exceeding two pounds and not exceeding three pounds in weight, three shillings sterling;

And so on, increasing one shilling sterling for every additional pound or fraction of a pound.

4th. The Governor in Council may from time to time make such Orders as are necessary for carrying this Act into full effect; and may also make such other Orders as may be requisite for the transmission through the Post of Printed Books, Magazines, Reviews and Pamphlets, to and from other British Colonies and the United States without passing through the United Kingdom, in conformity, as far as may be, with the foregoing charges and scale of weights.

5th. All Orders made by the Governor in Council and published in the Royal Gazette under the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed and taken as part of the same, and have the authority of law.

6th. In all Orders made by the Governor in Council in pursuance of this or the first recited Act, or in contracts, legal proceedings, or otherwise however, it shall in all cases be sufficient to refer to and designate the said recited Act as "The Post Office Act of 1850," and this Act as "The Post Office Act of 1851."

7th. This Act shall come into operation at the same time as "The Post Office Act of 1850," and all words used in this Act shall be interpreted in the same manner as in that Act prescribed.

8th. This Act may be altered or amended during the present Session of the Legislature.

SCHEDULE.

Regulations as to the transmission of Printed Books referred to in Section 3 of the foregoing Act:

1st. The charge shall be the same, whether the Printed Book, Magazine, Review or Pamphlet be posted or delivered at a Post Town on the Frontier or Sea Coast of the Province, or at a Post Office in the interior of the same.

2d. The postage shall in all cases be pre-paid; one third of the charge being considered as paid for British Inland rate; one third for Sea rate and one third for Inland Colonial rate.

3rd. To prevent the inconvenience which might arise from a large quantity of Books being sent by one Mail, Postmasters shall have authority in cases of necessity to delay the dispatch of such Books until the dispatch of the next Mail after that by which they would have been sent in the usual course, at their option, for a period not exceeding one week.

4th. No Printed Book, Magazine, Review or Pamphlet shall be sent by any route which will entail the expense of transit postage on the Post Office Department.

5th. All Printed Books, Magazines, Reviews and Pamphlets sent through the Post, shall be subject in all respects to the same conditions and restrictions to which Newspapers are liable by "The Post Office Act of 1850."