

*Postal arrangement between the United States and the Dominion of Canada.*Jan. 27, and Feb.
1, 1875.

The Post-Office Department of the United States of America, and the Post-Office department of the Dominion of Canada, being desirous of effecting, by means of a new arrangement, the unification of the postal systems of the United States and Canada, in respect to correspondence exchanged between them, the undersigned, duly authorized for that purpose by their respective governments, have agreed upon the following articles :

ARTICLE I.

Correspondence of every kind, written and printed, embracing letters, postal cards, newspapers, pamphlets, magazines, books, maps, plans, engravings, drawings, photographs, lithographs, sheets of music, &c., and patterns and samples of merchandise, including grains and seeds, mailed in the United States and addressed to Canada, or, *vice versa*, mailed in Canada and addressed to the United States, shall be fully prepaid at the domestic postage rates of the country of origin, and the country of destination will receive, forward, and deliver the same free of charge.

Prepayment at
postage rates of
country of origin.

ARTICLE II.

Each country will transport the domestic mails of the other by its ordinary mail-routes, in closed pouches, through its territory, free of charge.

Domestic mails
of each country
transported by the
other, &c.

ARTICLE III.

Patterns and samples of merchandise not exceeding the weight of eight ounces may be exchanged in the mails between the two countries, under such regulations in regard to the forwarding and delivery of the same as either of the Post-Office Departments shall prescribe, to prevent violations of the revenue laws. They must never be closed against inspection, but must always be so wrapped or inclosed that they may be readily and thoroughly examined by postmasters. The postage on each pattern or sample shall be ten cents, prepayment obligatory.

Patterns and
samples of mer-
chandise.

ARTICLE IV.

No accounts shall be kept between the Post-Office Departments of the two countries in regard to international correspondence of any kind exchanged between them, but each department will retain to its exclusive use all the postage it collects on mail-matter of every kind sent to the other for delivery.

Postage to be re-
tained by parties
respectively.

ARTICLE V.

The Post-Office Departments of the United States and Canada shall each return to the other all dead letters, unopened and without charge, monthly or oftener, as may best suit the regulations of each department.

Dead letters.

ARTICLE VI.

The expense of transporting the mails between the frontier exchange offices, where the conveyance is by water, shall be borne equally by the two departments; but when the transportation is by land, the expense

Transportation
between frontier
exchange offices.

shall be borne by each in proportion to the distance traveled over the territory of each country. All contracts for such transportation shall, before they go into operation, be approved by the Post-Office Department of each country.

ARTICLE VII.

Offices of exchange. All offices now exchanging mails shall continue to act as offices of exchange under this convention. The two departments may at any time, by mutual agreement, discontinue any of said offices of exchange, or establish others.

ARTICLE VIII.

Registered letters. The existing arrangement for the exchange of registered letters between the two countries shall continue in full force; but the registration-fee on registered letters sent from the United States to Canada, shall be the same as the registration-fee charged in the United States or domestic registered letters.

ARTICLE IX.

Taking effect and duration of convention. This arrangement, except so far as it relates to letter-postage, shall take effect from the first day of January, 1875. The reduced letter-rate will come into operation on the first of February, 1875. It shall continue in force until terminated by mutual agreement; and it may be annulled at the desire of either Department, upon six months' previous notice given to the other.

Done in duplicate, and signed at Washington the first day of February, 1875, and at Ottawa the 27th day of January, 1875.

[SEAL.]

MARSHALL JEWELL,

Postmaster-General of the United States.

[SEAL.]

D. A. MACDONALD,

P. M. G., Canada.

Approval. I hereby approve the foregoing postal arrangement, and, in testimony thereof, I have caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

[SEAL.]

U. S. GRANT.

By the President :

HAMILTON FISH,

Secretary of State.

WASHINGTON, February 1, 1875.