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## 1 Jan 1891; Rate Reduction to 2½d [Gazette 1 Jan 1891 / Jamaica 1928 p70]

#### POST OFFICE NOTICE.

Reduction in the Rate of Postage on Letters addressed to places over Sea.

ON and after 1st January, 1891, the LETTER RATE OF POSTAGE on Correspondence addressed to the United Kingdom as well as to all other places in the Universal Postal Union will be Two PENCE HALF PENNY PER HALF OUNCE.

On all other Mail Matter the rates of Postage are UNALTERED.—By order,

FRED. SULLIVAN, Postmaster for Jamaica. General Post Office, 29th December, 1890. "Post Office Notice

29th December, 1890.

REDUCTION IN THE RATE OF POSTAGE ON LETTERS ADDRESSED TO PLACES OVER THE SEA.

On and from 1st January, 1891, the letter rate of postage on correspondence, addressed to the United Kingdom, as -well as to all other places in the Universal Postal Union, will be twopence half-penny per half ounce.

On all other mail matter the rates of postage are unaltered.

By Order, FRED SULLIVAN, Postmaster for Jamaica.

6 Feb 1891; Jamaica Railway Law [GazetteExtra 7 Feb 1891]

# Jamaica Gazette Extraordinary.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1891.



### Government Notice.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 6th February, 1891.

THE GOVERNOR directs the publication, for general information, of the following Notice which has been issued by His Excellency under the provisions of Section 11 of The Jamaica Railway Company's Law, 12 of 1889.

By Command,

NEALE PORTER, Colonial Secretary.

#### NOTICE.

I, SIR HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Captain-General and Governor in-Chief in and over the Island of Jamaica and its Dependencies, do hereby give notice that:

WHEREAS the West India Improvement Company, the Promoters of the Railway Extensions under "The Jamaica Railway Company's Law, 1889," have constructed the first section of 12½ miles of Railway between Porus and Montego Bay;

And whereas the Government Inspector has examined the said section, and has reported the same "completed" within the provision of the said Law and the Agreement thereto;

And whereas the Jamaica Railway Company have paid for the said section out of proceeds of Bonds, at the rate of £8,000 per mile and by an equal amount of ordinary stock of the Company in accordance with Article 17 of the said Agreement;

And whereas the said Section of Railway is constructed in and upon those several parcels of land mentioned and referred to in the Schedule hereunto which have been taken or acquired from time to time for the purposes of the said section, and which are represented on plans from time to time delivered

to the said Promoters through the Surveyor-General, and signed by him, and which are now enclosed generally within fences, I do hereby under and pursuant to the provisions of the Jamaica Railway Company's Law, declare that the said section and lands and the equipment provided for the said section have become vestel in the Jamaica Railway Company, its successors and assigns.

SCHEDULE.				
No. of Parcel.	Acreage.	No. of Parcel.	Agreage.	
la	3 R., 20 P.	-		
1	1 R., 12 P.	2	1 R., 2 P.	
3	6 Perches.	4	15 Perches.	
5	15 "	6	15 "	
7	14 "	8	14 "	
9	13 "	10	20 "	
11	11 "	12	21 "	
13	1 R., 7 P.	14	18 "	
15	34 Perches.	16	15 "	
17	25 "	18	31 "	
19	2 R., 22 P.	20	1 R., 31 P.	
21	2 R., 24½ P.	22	37 Perches.	
23	1 A., 16 P.	24	23 "	
25	3 R., 19 P.	26	6 "	
27	1 R., 5 P.	28	1 A., 1 R., 6 P.	
29	19 Perches.	30	2 Roods, 26 P.	
31	1 A., 26 P.	32	16 Perches	
33	1 R., 37 P.	34	1 R., 29 P.	
35	2 R., 25 P.	36	3 R., 20 P.	
37	1 Rood	38	3 R., 27 P.	
39	3 R., 7 P.	40	19 Perches	
41	1 R., 6 P.	42	3 R., 17 P.	
43	3 R., 28 P.	44	3 Roods	
45	21 Perches	46	1 R., 8 P.	
47	1 A., 15 P.	48	3 R., 9 P.	
47a	1 A., 26 P.	_		
49	22 Perches	50	3 R., 18 P.	
51	1 Rood	52	4 Perches.	
53	1 A., 3 R., 3 P.	54	1 R., 14 P.	
55	3 R., 1 P.	56	17 Perehes	
.57	1 A., 3 R. 31 P.	58	14 "	
59	1 A., 33 P.	60	1 R., 9 P.	
61	21 A., 1 R., 4 P.	62	16 A., 3 R.	
63	10 A., 2 R., 21 P.	64	4 A., 8 P.	
-65	10 Acres	66	13 A., 2 R., 16.	
67	18 A., 1 R., 3 P.	68	2 A., 1 R.	
69	14 A., 1 R.	70	7 A., 3 R., 30 P.	
Dated this 6th day of February, 1891.				

HENRY A. BLAKE, Governor.

### 25 Feb 1891; (First) 21/2d [Gazette 26 Feb 1891/ Clerk]

No. 103

25th February, 1891.

THE GOVERNOR directs it to be notified, for general information, that the issue of the following unified Postage and Revenue Stamp has been authorized, viz.:—

TWOPENCE HALF PENNY.

Colour, light purple, Queen's head within a circle containing the words "Jamaica Postage and Revenue" with the denomination "2½d." at the base.

By Command, J. Allwood,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

No. 103. 25th February, 1891.

The Governor directs it to be notified, for general information, that the issue of the following unified Postage and Revenue Stamp has been authorized, viz.:-

Twopence Half-Penny. Colour light purple, Queen's head with a circle containing the words 'Jamaica Postage and Revenue' with the denomination '2½d' at the base.

By Command, J. ALLWOOD, Acting Colonial Secretary.

# 20 April 1891 [Gazette 21 May 1891]

May 21, 1891.]

THE JAMAIC

General Post Office to Treasury.
General Post Office, 20th April, 1891.
No. 105 R.

My Lords,

By Clause 19 of the Contract between this Department and the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, the Postmaster General has power to substitute Plymouth for Southampton as the Port of departure for the West India Mails, and in the case of such substitution, the period of transit from this country to Barbados is to be diminished by 9 hours.

I find that by exercising this power and accelerating to some extent the speed of the Packets on the voyage to Barbados, it would be practicable to despatch the Mails from Plymouth on Thursday, instead of from Southampton on Wednesday every fortnight, and to deliver the Mails at the several West India Islands at the same time as at present; thus curtailing by a whole day the course of post between this country and the West Indies, an advantage which has been urged upon me by many influential Chambers of Commerce.

Although no provision for such an increase of speed imade in the Contract, the Directors of the Royal Mail Service Packet Company have offered upon certain conditions to undertake it.

The price they would ask as an additional payment during the currency of the contract, as at present terminable, is £6,000 a year; but, if the contract were extended for two years, they would give the additional speed for £2,000 a year; or they would do it without extra charge if the contract were extended for 3 years.

It appears to me that the last of these alterations, involving no additional payment to the Company, is the best, and I apprehend that your Lordships would feel no hesitation, looking at the great advantage contemplated, in asking Parliament to authorize an extension of the present contract, which in itself is a good one, for a period of 3 years from the 30th of June. 1895.

In order to save the whole business day for posting letters throughout the Kingdom, it would be necessary for this Department to accelerate also the urival of the North Mails at Plymouth once a fortuight, so as to admit of embarkation of the mails for the West Indies, not later than 11 on alternate flursday mornings; and to accomplish this a special tain with a sorting carriage attached would be required from Bristol to Plymouth at an expense estimated at about £1,200 a year for the train and £167 10s. a year for a sorting force on the Railway to make up the bags for the West Indies.

Practically, therefore, the cost of this improved ervice would be something under £1,400 a year, and believing that this sum would be well spent in searing so considerable an advantage, I recommend your Lordships to sanction this expenditure.

your Lordships to sanction this expenditure.

I shall add that the Royal Mail Company make it a condition, which seems reasonable, that the deduction from their subsidy provided by Clause 24 of the Contract for failing to provide a vessel ready to put to sea at the appointed day and hour, shall not apply to the Packets leaving Plymouth, provided that the Packet is ready at Southampton the actual port of departure) at the time required, and that her not being ready at Plymouth is due to troumstances beyond the control of the Company.

(Signed Henry Cecil Rhodes.

# 28 Aug 1891; Bethel Town PO Opening [Gazette 3 Sep 1893]

General Post Office, 29th August, 1891.

New District Post Office.

N Friday, 28th inst., a new District Post Office was established at Bethel Town in the Parish of Westmoreland.

Parties residing in the neighbourhood who have been in the habit of taking their letters at any other Post Office, may have their correspondence redirected to the above-named new Post Office, "free of charge" until the 29th proximo, upon a written application to the Postmaster for Jamaica.

FRED. SULLIVAN, Postmaster for Jamaica.

1 Nov 1891; Parcel Post Convention with Canada [Gazette 29 Oct 1891]

THE JAMAICA GAZETTE. Oct. 29, 1891.

28th October, 1891. No. 468 THE MAJOR-GENERAL ADMINISTERING THE GO-VERNMENT directs the publication, for general information, of the following copy of a Convention for a Parcel Post Exchange between the Dominion of Canada and this Colony, which has been entered

2. The Convention will come into operation on the 1st November next.

By Command,

NEALE PORTER, Colonial Secretary.

PARCEL POST CONVENTION BETWEEN JAMAICA AND CANADA, 1891.

Convention between the Post Office of Jamaica and the Post Office of Canada concerning the exchange of Closed Parcels by Mail.

For the purpose of further extending the postal relations between the Colony of Jamaica and the Dominion of Canada, the undersigned, Major-General Wilsone Black, administering the Government of Jamaica, and John Graham Haggart, Postmaster-General of Canada, by virtue of authority vested in them by Law, have agreed upon the following Articles:

1. There shall be a regular exchange of closed par-

cels by mail between Jamaica and Canada.

2. Such parcels shall be forwarded by steamers subsidized by the Canadian Government, and conveying mails directly between Canadian Ports and Jamaica.

3. The maximum weight of a single parcel shall be 7 lbs. and the maximum dimensions shall be two feet in length, and one foot in width or depth.

4. The rate of postage shall be 20 cents per lb., or fraction thereof.

5. This postage rate shall be divided as follows:— to credit of Jamaica 5 cents per lb. for land transit, and to credit of Canada 7 cents per lb. for sea transit and

8 cents for land transit. 6. The Post Office of Canada shall provide for the sea conveyance of the parcels passing both ways between the two Colonies.

7. The parcels exchange shall not contain any articles, the transmission of which is prohibited under these regulations, relating to other classes of matter passing by mail between the two Colonies.

8. A letter or communication of the nature of per-

sonal correspondence may not be written on, enclosed with, or attached to any parcel.

9. No parcel may contain parcels intended for delivery at an address other than that borne by the parcel itself. If such enclosed parcels are detected they must be sent forward singly, charged with new and distinct

10. Every parcel shall be accompanied by a Customs declaration, which shall be affixed to the parcel, shewing the value of the contents, and all parcels received in either country shall be subject to the Customs laws and regulations thereof.

11. The Post Office of Kingston shall be the parcel post exchange office for Jamaica, and the Post Office

of St. John the exchange office for Canada.

12. Each parcel mail shall be accompanied by a parcel bill, in which shall be entered by the despatching office the number of the parcel, the place of posting, the name of the addressee, the declared value of the contents, and the number of rates prepaid, and also at the foot of the bill the number of parcels despatched, and the gross and net weight of the mail.

13. Parcels must be securely and substantially pack. ed, and shall be despatched from one country to the other in strong wicker baskets, which the Post Office of Canada shall supply, but half the cost of which shall be paid by the Post Office of Jamaica.

14. Undelivered parcels may be re-directed to the senders in the country of origin, subject to the same postage rate to which they were severally originally liable, which may either be prepaid in the country from which the parcel is returned, or charged upon the bill for collection on delivery. Should such a parcel, returned without prepayment, fail of delivery to the sender, the country of origin shall notify the country from which the parcel was returned of the fact, and claim credit for the amount of postage charged against it on such parcel.

15. Parcels which cannot be delivered to the persons addressed, and the senders of which cannot be found, shall, unless otherwise determined in special cases, after correspondence between the two administrations, be returned to the administration of the country of origin

for disposal as undelivered (dead) matter.

16. The Post Office Department of either of the contracting countries will not be responsible for the loss or damage of any package.

17. The accounts relating to the charges made upon parcels shall be prepaid quarterly by the Post Office of Canada, and shall be transmitted in duplicate to the Post Office of Jamaica for verification and settlement,

18. This Convention shall take effect on 1st November, 1891, and shall remain in force until the expiration of a period of six months after the date upon which one of the two contracting administrations shall have notified the other of its intention to terminate it.

Done in duplicate, and signed at Ottawa, Canada, the 18th day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and at Kingston, Jamaica, the 20th day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

WILSONE BLACK, Major-General Administering the Government of Jamaica.

JOHN HAGGART. Postmaster General of Canada.

#### 1 Nov 1891; Parcel Post with Canada Rates [Gazette 19 Nov 1891]

ICA GAZETTE.

Nov. 19, 1891,

General Post Office, 28th October, 1891.

PARCEL POST BETWEEN JAMAICA AND THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

O<sup>N</sup> the 1st November, 1891, a Parcel Post Service will be established between Jamaica and the Dominion of Canada. The following are the Rates of Postage, and the special Regulations and Conditions:—

Rates of Postage.

For a Parcel :-

Not exceeding on Pound in weight
For each additional pound or fraction of a pound ... ... 10d. 20 cents.

Weights and Dimensions.

A parcel may not exceed seven pounds in weight two feet in length, and one foot in width or depth. Prepayment.

The postage on parcels must be prepaid by Postage Stamps.

Customs Dues and Declaration.

All parcels will be subject to the Customs dues, laws and regulations in force in either Country; and to each parcel must be affixed a "Customs declaration" containing an accurate statement of the contents and value thereof; the date of posting, and the senders' signature and address.

#### Prohibitions.

A parcel may not contain the following:

A letter or communication of the nature of personal correspondence.

II. Any other parcel intended for delivery at an address other than that borne by the parcel itself. If such enclosed Parcel be detected it will be sent forward singly charged with new and distinct Parcel Post rates.

III. Any explosive, inflammable, or dangerous substance which may in any way damage or destroy other Parcels or the Mails or injure the persons handling them.

Undelivered Parcels.

An undelivered Parcel may be redirected to the Sender in the Country of Origin on payment of a rate equal to that originally paid on it, such additional postage may either be paid in the Country from which the Parcel is returned or be collected from the Sender on delivery

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Parcels which cannot be delivered to the Persons to
whom they are addressed, or the Senders of which cannot be found, will be returned to the Country of Origin
for disposal as Undelivered, or "Dead" Matter.

Non-Liability.

The Post Office Department of either Country will not be responsible for the loss or damage of any parcel.

General Conditions.

The Parcels must be securely and substantially pack-

The exchange of parcels will be effected by means of Steamers subsidized by the Canadian Government and conveying mails directly between Ports in Canada and Jamaica.

GEO. H. PEARCE, Actg. Postmaster for Jamaica.

# 8 Dec 1891; Pearce Appointed PMJ [Gazette 10 Dec 1891]

No. 520. 8th December, 1891.

THE GOVERNOR has appointed G. H. Pearce, Esq. to be Postmaster for Jamaica, provisionally, and subject to the confirmation of the Secretary of State, in the room of F. Sullivan, Esq., who has retired.