

with postage as an unpaid letter, but giving credit for any postage already paid.

18. No packet of newspapers shall be forwarded by post, the weight of which shall exceed fourteen pounds or the dimensions of which shall exceed two feet in length or one foot in width or depth.

*As to Book Packets for Inland transmission.*

19. The expression "book packet" shall comprise not only books but also all packets consisting of articles of the following kinds, not being trade patterns or samples of merchandize (that is to say):—

- (1.) Paper or any other substance in ordinary use for writing or printing, whether such paper or other substance be plain or with anything (except a letter or communication in the nature of a letter) written, printed, or otherwise impressed thereon, and whether the same be in the form of books or in any other form.
- (2.) Circulars, appearing from internal evidence to be intended for transmission in identical terms to several persons, and the whole or the greater part of each of which is printed, engraved, or lithographed, notwithstanding that such circulars may be letters or communications in the nature of a letter.
- (3.) Photographs and other things of a like kind when not on glass or in frames containing glass or any brittle substance of a like kind.
- (4.) Any thing usually attached or appurtenant to any of the before mentioned articles in the way of binding, mounting, or otherwise, and anything convenient for their safe transmission by post which shall be contained in the same packet.
- (5.) Such other articles as the Postmaster-General shall from time to time decide to be capable of transmission by post as book packets, without detriment or inconvenience to the public service.

20. The postage payable on book packets by virtue of section 8 of "The Post Office Act, 1870," shall in all cases be prepaid.

21. If no part of the postage on a book packet is prepaid in conformity with the preceding regulation, the packet shall be forwarded to its destination and charged on delivery with postage at the following rates; that is to say:—

On a book packet not exceeding two ounces in weight, one penny;

On a book packet exceeding two ounces in weight, for the first two ounces, and for every additional two ounces or fractional part of two ounces, one penny.

22. If the postage on a book packet is only partly prepaid in conformity with the preceding regulation in that behalf, the packet shall, at the option in each case of the Postmaster-General, be either returned to the sender thereof, or be forwarded to its destination, and shall in either case be charged with double the deficient book packet postage at the prepaid rate; provided, nevertheless, that no registered newspaper or newspapers containing an enclosure concealed therein shall be sent by post as a book packet, unless the postage thereon at the book packet rate is fully prepaid.

23. Notwithstanding the preceding regulations as to the payment of postage on book packets, the whole or any part of the postage payable by virtue of "The Post Office Act, 1870," on a book packet consisting wholly of printed votes or proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, may be either prepaid or may be collected on delivery.

24. The postage on a book packet may be prepaid either by an adhesive postage stamp or stamps affixed outside the packet or its cover, or by the use of a stamped cover, or in money; but if in money, at such Post Offices only within such hours only, and under and subject to all such regulations, conditions, and restrictions as the Postmaster-General shall from time to time think fit and direct.

25. In the case of the redirection of a book packet, made by an officer of the Post Office, to a place within the same free delivery as the original address, no redirection postage shall be charged.

26. In any case (not within the last preceding regulation) of the redirection of a book packet, a redirection postage shall be charged and paid at the prepaid book packet rate, and such postage may be collected on the delivery of the packet charged.

27. Every book packet shall be posted either without a cover, or in a cover open at both ends, and so that the same can easily be removed for the purpose of examination.

28. No book packet shall be posted which shall contain anything sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, or which shall contain any letter or any communication in the nature of a letter, written on any part of the packet or the cover thereof (although the same may be open to inspection), or which shall contain any separate letter or communication in the nature of a letter, not being a circular, within the meaning of these regulations.

29. If there shall be posted any book packet in a cover not in conformity with the preceding regulation in that behalf, or any book packet containing a letter or communication in the nature of a letter, written on any part of the packet or the cover thereof, such packet shall, at the option in each case of the Postmaster-General, be either returned to the sender thereof or forwarded to its destination, and shall in either case be charged with postage as an unpaid letter of the same weight, but giving credit for any postage already paid.

30. If there shall be posted any book packet which shall contain anything prohibited by the preceding regulation in that behalf, except such letter or communication as is mentioned in the last preceding regulation, the prohibited matter shall be taken out and forwarded to the address on the packet, and shall be charged with postage on delivery as an unpaid letter of the same weight, and the residue of the packet shall be forwarded to the address aforesaid, without any additional charge by reason of the prohibited enclosure.

31. No book packet shall be forwarded by post the weight of which shall exceed fourteen pounds, or (unless by the special permission in any case or class of cases of the Postmaster-General) the dimensions of which shall exceed two feet in length, or one foot in width or depth.

*As to Pattern and Sample Packets for Inland Transmission.*

32. The expressions "pattern packets" and "sample packets" shall comprise such articles only as consist wholly of trade patterns, or of samples of merchandize.

33. The postage payable on pattern packets or sample packets by virtue of section 8 of "The Post Office Act, 1870," shall in all cases be prepaid.

34. If no part of the postage on a pattern packet or sample packet is prepaid, in conformity with the preceding regulations, the packet shall be forwarded to its destination and charged on