

PARCELS POST STILL CHEAPER

INCREASE IN EXPRESS RATES MAKES MAIL RATES CHEAPER

The 20 per cent increase in interstate express rates authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission makes the parcels post the cheaper way of sending packages in almost every instance. Prior to that express was cheaper in certain weights to certain places.

It now costs 29 cents to send a one pound package from Binford to Cooperstown for example by express and only 5 cents by parcels post. Five pounds cost 30 cents by express and 9 cents by mail. Ten pounds cost 33 cents by express and 14 cents by mail. Twenty pounds cost 38 cents by express and 24 cents by mail while fifty pounds cost 55 cents by express and 54 cents by mail. Up to seventy pounds, the limit on parcels post, packages can be sent cheaper by mail to Cooperstown in every instance.

Between Binford and the Twin Cities the mail rate is also cheaper for it costs 34 cents to send 1 pound by express and 5 cents by mail, 43 cents for 5 pounds by express and 14 cents by mail; 57 cents by express for 10 pounds and 24 by mail; 63 cents for 20 pounds by express and 44 cents by mail; \$1.61 for 50 pounds by express and \$1.04 by mail.

To send 1 pound from Binford to Chicago by express costs 35 cents, and but 6 cents by mail; 5 pounds cost 50 cents by express and 32 cents by mail; 10 pounds cost 71 cents by express and 62 cents by mail; 20 lbs. cost \$1.11 by express

and \$1.22 cents by mail, and 50 pounds cost \$2.32 by express and \$3.02 by mail.

To send one pound from Binford to New York by express costs 37 cents, and but 9 cents by mail; 5 pounds cost 61 cents by express and 41 cents by mail; 10 pounds cost 89 cents by express and 81 cents by mail; 20 pounds by express cost \$1.49 and \$1.61 by mail, while 50 pounds cost \$3.24 by express and \$4.01 by mail. The parcels post is higher in these last two instances only, New York being in the sixth zone.

In order to make the comparison fair charges should be added to each parcels post rate to cover cost of insuring package, as follows: 3 cents up to \$5.00, 5 cents up to \$25, 10 cents to \$50 and 25 cents to \$100. No extra charge is made in express rates up to \$50. Over that and up to \$150 the rate is 10 cents, to \$250 it is 20 cents, and so on adding 10 cents for each \$100. In villages where there is no free delivery of mail the express package will be delivered to house or place of business of consignee whereas the parcel post will not, but this difference doesn't apply in the cities having free mail delivery. The parcels post has the edge on express in sending to people living in the country for there are no rural routes for express.

In sending packages by parcels post you can be certain that 99 times out of 100 you are saving money over sending them by express, though it must be confessed that the parcels post sometimes takes longer. The innovation of the parcels post is about the biggest thing the postoffice department ever did.

For Sale—The old Times building on Main street, with or without the lot.