

and an application for a ballot-paper is sent free to the Returning Officer of the district in which the vote is exercised. Surcharge of the unpaid postage on letters not coming within the two categories given above must be marked at the office of posting.

683. Any Postmaster having an undelivered electoral notice which it is believed cannot be delivered must exhibit outside his office, within three days of its receipt, in a conspicuous place, the full address of such notice, and advise his Chief Postmaster by first mail. An electoral notice may be delivered to the addressee only. A written order cannot be accepted unless the addressee is known to the Postmaster or his officers to be in the district.

684. On receipt of advice of undelivered notices the Chief Postmaster will take immediate steps to see that the full addresses of such notices are exhibited at all offices within the respective electoral districts.

685. Unclaimed registered electoral-notice letters specifically marked "Electoral-notice Letter" are to be returned, according to special request, to Registrars of Electors. Before they are returned, every effort, including advertisement, is to be made to deliver them. Should the number of such unclaimed electoral-notice letters warrant the step, Chief Postmasters are authorized to have lists printed locally, after reference to the Secretary, saying how many lists are required. Other unclaimed "special-request" letters for return to Registrars of Electors are not to be advertised, and are to be returned promptly to Registrars. Every letter so dealt with must have superscribed on the front, *in red ink*, the reason for non-delivery. Chief Postmasters must see that all unclaimed electoral notices are promptly returned.

RAILWAY TRAVELLING POST-OFFICE.

686. The following is a list of railway travelling post-offices:—

R.P.O., Waikato.	R.P.O., Main Trunk.
R.P.O., Ohinemuri.	R.P.O., South Canterbury.
R.P.O., Taranaki.	R.P.O., North Otago.
R.P.O., Manawatu.	R.P.O., South Otago.
R.P.O., Hawke's Bay.	R.P.O., Southland.

687. The railway travelling post-office clerks and sorters must observe all the rules laid down for the guidance of officers performing ordinary postal duties.

688. Mails received along the line must be immediately sorted, the posting-boxes in the mail-van cleared when the train leaves each stopping-place, and correspondence for all offices on the line appointed to receive such mails delivered in sealed bags. The sub-office letter-bill, P.O. 2, must be used.

689. R.P.O. clerks must on no account allow any one to travel in the mail-van unless he is a postal Inspector or postal officer on duty in the van. Newsvendors are not excepted from this exclusion. Any disregard of this instruction will result in the officer at fault being severely dealt with.

690. Smoking in the mail-van is forbidden.

691. To facilitate the transfer of mails and correspondence when the officers change trains, the following precautions must be observed: A waybill is to be kept showing the mails in the van, also a list of the loose registered letters, which are to be made up in a packet; the list is to be signed by the receiving officer and returned to the chief office of despatch. All registered articles dealt with in the van are to be recorded in the Forward Registered-letter Book, No. 6.

692. Officers are forbidden to deliver letters on the journey to private individuals.