

789. At offices where numbered labels are supplied without showing the name of the office, a clear impression of the office-stamp should be made thereon, the date being first removed. At offices where the date-type cannot be removed, the name may be written in.

790. The public should not be encouraged to send as sample packets articles which ought to be sent by parcel-post. Officers are enjoined to advise the public to send all such articles, except those of small size and value, by parcel-post.

791. If a parcel, not fully prepaid, or exceeding the limit of weight or size, be left at a post-office without having been submitted for proper examination, it is not to be forwarded, but should be entered in the Returned-parcel Record, and a notice sent to the sender on form P.P. G., or, if this be not practicable, then to the addressee. If addressed to a place beyond New Zealand, except the Commonwealth of Australia, and if the sender be not known, the parcel should be forwarded to the Dead Letter Office for disposal. Such parcel, if within the limit of size and weight, may be forwarded on payment of the deficient postage, or returned on proper application being made. Parcels irregularly posted or insufficiently prepaid may be forwarded to any of the Australian States provided the senders are not known. Such parcels will be charged double the deficiency on delivery. An entry is to be made on the parcel-bill of so many rates as are fully prepaid, and the amount of tax shown in the "Remarks" column. Insufficiently prepaid parcels received from Australia are to be charged double deficiency on delivery, and entries should appear on parcel-bills in conformity with the above.

792. Parcels not forwarded, or not delivered to the sender, or found without address, are to be sent to the Dead Letter Office for disposal.

793. Parcels accepted in error should, if they cannot be returned to the sender, be sent to their destination, if this can be done with safety, and if the excess of weight or size be trifling. If so sent the cover should be marked "Accepted in error," and the matter reported.

794. When an acknowledgment of receipt for an inland parcel is desired, a fee of 2d. is to be charged and the usual A.R. form will be used to obtain such receipt.

795. When an inland parcel is presented for registration the usual receipt for registered articles must be given to the sender, and a "Registered parcel" label should be affixed to each registered parcel immediately it is accepted for transmission.

796. Should the sender of an ordinary parcel addressed to any place beyond New Zealand inquire as to its disposal, inquiry form C. & F. P.P. 27 should be made out and forwarded to the Inspector of Post-offices.

797. Parcels may be accepted from Government Departments subject to the usual conditions and rates of postage. The postage may be prepaid either with official or with ordinary postage-stamps. Packages over 11 lb. in weight but not exceeding 25 lb. in weight may also be accepted from Government Departments at the following rates: 4d. for the first pound and 2d. for each additional pound. Such packages are not to be treated as parcels unless they are fragile, and if any non-fragile packets are presented marked "Parcel-post," they are to be referred back to the Department posting them.

798. Except as provided in Rules 128 and 600, the rule forbidding that a letter should be landed back to the sender applies equally to a parcel.