

Private Mail-bags.—Fees.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

By his Deputy,
ROBERT STOUT.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this first day of July, 1919.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by Order in Council dated the twenty-sixth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, regulations were made under the authority of the Post and Telegraph Act, 1908 (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), prescribing the fees to be paid and the conditions to be observed in connection with the hire of private mail-bags: And whereas it is desirable to make other provision in lieu of such regulations:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred upon him by the said Act, and of all other powers and authorities in that behalf enabling him, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby revoke the above-recited Order in Council and the regulations thereby made, and in lieu thereof doth hereby prescribe the fees and make the regulations set forth in the Schedule hereto; and doth hereby order that such fees and regulations shall form part of and be read together with the regulations under the said Act made by Order in Council of the seventeenth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ten, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the eighteenth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ten, and shall take effect on the date of the publication of this Order in Council in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

SCHEDULE.

PRIVATE MAIL-BAGS.

14. ANY person or persons requiring the accommodation of a private mail-bag may obtain the privilege upon payment in advance of the undermentioned fees to the Chief Postmaster of the district, and subject to the following regulations. The carriage of such bags will only be arranged by the Post Office along the routes of established mail-services.

(1.) The fees for a private mail-bag are as follows:—

- (a.) For a private mail-bag carried by a mail contractor for a year ended 31st December, £2; for a second bag, if the quantity of correspondence requires it, £1.
- (b.) For a private mail-bag carried by a mail contractor for a half-year ended 30th June or 31st December, £1; for a second bag, if the quantity of correspondence requires it, 10s.
- (c.) For a private mail-bag, if delivery is taken at the post-office where it is made up, for a year ended 31st December, £1.
- (d.) For a private mail-bag, if delivery is taken at the post-office where it is made up, for a half-year ended 30th June or 31st December, 10s.
- (e.) For a private mail-bag carried otherwise than by a mail contractor—
When the cost of carriage does not exceed the foregoing fees set out in (a), (b), (c), and (d), the foregoing fees as so set out.
When the cost of carriage exceeds the foregoing fees set out in (a), (b), (c), and (d), £1 per annum *plus* the actual cost of carriage.

A duly proportionate part of such fees for any period before the year or half-year as aforesaid begins is payable as follows: If the period does not exceed three months, the fee therefor is to be added to that due for the succeeding year or half-year, and the total collected; if the period is greater than three months, the fee to the end of the half-year next ensuing after the date of the application may be accepted.

(2.) The bag will measure 20 in. by 36 in., and will be supplied by the Department, together with a lock and key, at the cost of the person requiring it. A key will also be held by the Post Office. The bag must be kept in repair by the person requiring it.

(3.) The Postmaster must securely lock the bag before despatching it, and it must be returned to the Postmaster in the same manner.

(4.) No charge is made to any person or persons, after the first holder, sharing in the use of a private mail-bag. The persons using a bag after the hirer must give to the Postmaster at the place at which the bag is made up written orders for the disposal of their correspondence, and must forward the written consent of the hirer to the enclosing of the correspondence in his bag. Such hirer shall be responsible for the postage of all unpaid letters, and for returning receipts for all those which may be registered.

(5.) In cases in which parcels for a private-bag holder are too numerous or too large to go into the private bag or bags paid for, the bag-holder must take delivery of the parcels from the nearest post-office or make his own special arrangements for their delivery by the mail contractor or otherwise.

15. Mail contractors are bound to convey and deliver, free of charge to the holders, all private bags given to them by Postmasters or under their instructions, but are not required to deviate from the prescribed mail-route, and are on no account to be delayed. Should a return bag not be ready at the appointed time and place, the contractor is not required to wait for it.

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