

PACKING.

(6.) Tins of condensed milk may be forwarded both within New Zealand and to such countries beyond New Zealand as do not specially prohibit their introduction, provided that such articles are securely packed so as to prevent all risk or injury to other parcels or to officers of the Post Office.

Game and fish must be packed in straw or some similar substance, and the whole enclosed in calico or thin sacking, and the contents of the parcel must be indicated on the cover. Rabbit-skins may also be accepted for transmission, but the skins must be dried, and they must be packed in the manner prescribed for game and fish. Parcels containing perishable articles must have a special label "Perishable" affixed thereto. Unless the special express-transit rate is prepaid thereon such parcels will be accepted at sender's risk.

PROHIBITIONS.

(7.) Sulphuretted lime, calcium carbide, and rat poison shall not be transmitted through the post.

Maori curiosities or articles of Maori workmanship or apparently of Maori workmanship shall not be accepted for transmission by post unless they are accompanied by the permit of the Minister of Internal Affairs, except that Maori kits made wholly of flax and not partly composed of the feathers of native birds will be accepted, provided the exporter signs a declaration that the kits are of modern manufacture (not more than twenty-five years old).

BULLION.

(8.) No parcel of bullion may exceed 3 lb. in weight, except an inland parcel sent by any bank addressed to a bank at Auckland, Wellington, Dunedin, or Greymouth, when the parcel may weigh up to 8 lb.

CUSTOMS AND OTHER CHARGES PAYABLE BY SENDER.

(9.) Persons sending parcels to Australia, Papua, Union of South Africa, and Rhodesia, can take upon themselves the payment of the Customs and other charges ordinarily payable by the addressee.

In the case of parcels sent under this arrangement the sender must pay a fee of 6d., sign an undertaking to pay on demand the amount due, and make a deposit on account of the charges. The deposit shall be at the rate of 2s. for each 4s. or fraction of 4s. of the declared value of the parcel, but an additional deposit is required on certain articles of apparel addressed to Australia. A final settlement shall take place when a notification of the amount due has been received from the country of destination. An undertaking to pay charges under this arrangement cannot be accepted when the sender is residing only temporarily in New Zealand, or is unable to give a settled address in this Dominion.

PARCEL ADDRESSED TO UNITED KINGDOM.—DISPOSAL.

(10.) The sender of a parcel addressed to the United Kingdom may request, at the time of posting, that if the parcel cannot be delivered as addressed it may be either (a) treated as abandoned, or (b) tendered for delivery at a second address in the country of destination. No other course is admissible. If the sender avails himself of this provision, his request must be written on the parcel, and must be in one of the following forms:—

"If not deliverable as addressed, abandon."

"If not deliverable as addressed, deliver to . . ."

In the absence of a definite request for abandonment, a parcel which is undeliverable at the original address and at the alternative address, if one is furnished, shall be returned to the sender at his expense and without previous notification.

CASH ON DELIVERY.—UNITED KINGDOM—NEW ZEALAND.

(11.) The cash-on-delivery system provides for the collection from the addressee by the Post Office, on behalf of the sender, of the value of articles contained in parcels exchanged between New Zealand and the United Kingdom. The system enables a person in New Zealand to order goods from the United Kingdom, or a person in the United Kingdom to order goods from New Zealand, have them despatched by parcel-post, and pay for them on delivery.

The amount collected from the addressee under the cash-on-delivery system is termed the "trade charge." This trade charge must not exceed £40 on any one parcel, and it must not exceed the declared value plus the postage and other fees payable on the parcel.

The sender must write in bold letters, beside the address on the cover, the word "Reimbursement," and after it the amount of the trade charge in figures and words. No alteration in the amount of the trade charge shown on the cover is permitted, even if such erasure or correction be certified, nor can the amount of the trade charge be cancelled.

The sender may request at the time of posting that in the event of the parcel being undeliverable at the address stated thereon it may either be treated as abandoned or be tendered for delivery at a second address in the country of destination. If the sender avails himself of this facility his request must be written on the parcel in the following terms: "If this parcel is undeliverable to the addressee it should be (a) abandoned, (b) tendered for delivery to . . ." [*The alternative not required should be struck out.*]

In the absence of a definite request for abandonment, a parcel which is undeliverable at the expiration of fifteen days from the date of receipt at the office of destination will be returned to the sender, without previous notification, at his expense. A parcel bearing an alternative address shall be held at the disposal of the first addressee for eight days, and if not delivered at the end of that period it shall be held for a further period of seven days at the disposal of the second addressee before being returned to the sender as undeliverable.

A fee of 2½d. for each £1 or fraction of £1 of the trade charge, and a special posting fee of 3d., in addition to the ordinary postage shall be collected from the sender of a cash-on-delivery parcel addressed to the United Kingdom.

The sender of a "trade charge" parcel must fill in a "request form," which includes a formal request for the collection of the trade charge and a declaration that the parcel is sent in fulfilment of an order. The posting fee of 3d. must be affixed to this form, but the fee of 2½d. for each £1 must be affixed to the parcel.

The counterfoil of the trade-charge money-order handed to the sender when posting the parcel must be given up by him when the money-order is paid to him on its return from the United Kingdom.

On parcels received from the United Kingdom under the cash-on-delivery system a special delivery fee of 4d. per parcel is charged.