

In computing the charge fractions of a halfpenny shall be disregarded in the total.

9. Any subscriber may have inserted in his toll account the name of the person making each outward toll communication, or the number of the called subscriber, provided that he makes written application and agrees to pay an extra charge of 3d. on each communication.

10. The Department will not undertake to refuse toll communications from any subscriber's telephone, or to restrict in any way the hours, while the exchange is open, during which applications for communications will be received.

11. A statement of account certified by a responsible officer of the Department as being correct shall be accepted as *prima facie* evidence of the toll calls made from any subscriber's telephone.

12. If payment of the charge for a toll communication is not made within seven days after demand the Minister of Telegraphs may refuse an exchange subscriber any further toll communication until the outstanding charge has been paid, and if the account is not paid within one month after demand, the connection with the exchange may be discontinued, without prejudice to any proceedings for the recovery of any moneys then due, or otherwise.

13. Any person making a request for a toll communication from a public bureau shall be required to deposit an amount equal to the charge for a three-minute connection over the line on which it is desired to communicate.

14. Owners of private telephone lines led into a bureau may use the departmental lines when available for speaking purposes through such bureau. The charges for this service shall be the same as those payable for toll communications, the distance being calculated from the telephone bureau.

15. Any communication from a telephone bureau or post-office over a private telephone line connected with such office shall be charged for as a toll communication.

16. All toll communications on official business from officers of other Government Departments, or from postal officers on behalf of other Departments, shall be paid for.

17. Provided the attention of the offices concerned can be gained, toll communications may be arranged after the ordinary hours of attendance on week-days or Sundays on payment of a reopening fee of 1s. if the Postmaster is resident on the premises, or 2s. 6d. if not resident on the premises. In addition, if the attendance of any officer is required beyond a period of half an hour, such attendance shall be paid for at the rate of overtime fixed by the Department's regulations.

18. The applicant for a toll communication over a telegraph circuit shall in all cases make his own arrangements for the attendance of the person with whom he desires to communicate, and any permission required by telegraph for the joining-through of any circuit which may be required to effect the connection shall be obtained by a reply-paid telegram. The service shall be available on Sundays and at other times approved by the Minister, usually between midnight and 8 a.m., when the telegraph circuits are not in use for ordinary purposes. The charges for such communications shall be those prescribed for the use of toll lines, together with any additional charges for reopening offices or overtime incurred, as prescribed in regulation 17 hereof for any special attendance required at the office of origin or destination, or at any intermediate office.

F. D. THOMSON,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Postage and Telegraph Rates.

JELLICOE, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 17th day of January, 1923.

Present :

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE W. F. MASSEY, P.C., PRESIDING
IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in him by the Post and Telegraph Act, 1908, and of all other powers and authorities enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby make the regulations and fix the charges set forth in the Schedule hereto for the receiving, despatching, conveying, and delivering of postal packets, for the hire of private mail-bags, and for the transmission of telegrams; and doth order and declare that any regulations and charges of similar purport heretofore made are hereby revoked in so far as they are not in agreement with the charges made in the said Schedule, but that otherwise any such other regulations and charges shall remain in full force and virtue, and shall be read and applied together with the regulations and charges hereby made and fixed; and doth further order and declare that

such revocation and the regulations and charges hereby made and fixed shall have effect on and after the first day of February, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

SCHEDULE.

LETTERS AND LETTER-CARDS.

Inland : 1½d. for the first 2 oz. or fraction thereof, and 1d. for each additional 2 oz. or fraction thereof.

All other places to which Postal Union rates do not apply : 1½d. for the first ounce or fraction thereof, and 1d. for each additional ounce or fraction thereof.

POST-CARDS.

Inland : Single, 1d.; reply, 2d.

PACKETS.

(Comprising Commercial Papers, Books and Printed Papers, Pattern and Sample Packets, and Unregistered Magazines.)

Inland : 1d. not exceeding 2 oz., 1½d. exceeding 2 oz. and not exceeding 4 oz., 1½d. for each additional 4 oz. or fraction thereof up to 1 lb., and 2d. for each additional pound or fraction thereof up to 5 lb.

NEWSPAPERS.

Inland : ½d. each.

SPECIAL-REQUEST CORRESPONDENCE.

Undelivered printed matter prepaid 1d. that has been posted in New Zealand and bears a special request for its return to the sender, or is of intrinsic value, will be returned and charged additional postage of 1d.

Undelivered printed matter prepaid ½d. that has been posted outside New Zealand and, by request, sent to an address in New Zealand other than that to which it was originally addressed will be charged additional postage of 1d.

PRIVATE MAIL-BAGS.

(a.) For a private bag carried by a mail contractor, for a year ending 31st December, £2; for a second bag, if the quantity of correspondence requires it, £1.

(b.) For a private bag carried by a mail contractor, for a half-year ending 30th June or 31st December, £1; for a second bag, if the quantity of correspondence requires it, 10s.

(c.) For a private bag, if delivery is taken at the post-office where it is made up, for a year ending 31st December, £1.

(d.) For a private bag, if delivery is taken at the post-office where it is made up, for a half-year ending 30th June or 31st December, 10s.

(e.) For a private bag carried otherwise than by 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 as set out in (a), (b), (c), and (d), £1 per annum, plus the actual cost of carriage.

MONEY-ORDERS.

By Telegraph.

Payable in New Zealand : 1d. for each £1 or fraction thereof, but with a minimum charge of 6d., plus a telegraph fee of 1s. if order is sent by ordinary telegram, or 2s. if it is sent by urgent telegram.

For a private communication for the payee, added to the official telegram of advice : 1d. per word if order is sent by ordinary telegram, or 2d. per word if it is sent by urgent telegram.

INLAND TELEGRAMS.

Week-days (other than the public holidays mentioned below):—

Ordinary : 9d. for first twelve words (including address and signature), and 1d. for each additional word.

Urgent : 1s. 6d. for first twelve words (including address and signature), and 2d. for each additional word.

Sundays and the following public holidays—viz., New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, the King's Birthday, Labour Day, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day : Double the rates for week-days.

SAVINGS-BANK TELEGRAMS.

Ordinary : 9d.

Urgent : 1s. 6d.

INLAND MULTIPLE TELEGRAMS.

The additional fee for each address after the first shall be for ordinary telegrams, 4½d.; urgent telegrams, 9d.

WEATHER TELEGRAMS FOR FARMERS.

Telegrams from farmers addressed "Weather," Wellington, seeking information as to the state of the weather shall be charged 1s. for the message and reply.

F. D. THOMSON,
Clerk of the Executive Council