

13. Library Exchanges.

1. Books for exchange forwarded to and from subscribers to recognized circulating libraries from and to such libraries will be carried at one-quarter parcels rates, with a minimum charge of 4d., under the following conditions, viz. :—

- (a.) The sender's name must be legibly inscribed on each parcel.
- (b.) Each parcel must be open at both ends.
- (c.) Each parcel must be declared on the consignment-note to contain books for exchange only.

2. The terminal charge at Auckland, Frankton Junction, Hamilton, Wanganui, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, or Invercargill specified in paragraph 3 of Regulation 10 will not apply to parcels forwarded under this regulation. Consignees must take delivery at destination station.

14. Newspapers and Stereotype Casts.

1. Newspapers (published at intervals not exceeding seven days), periodicals (published at intervals not exceeding one month), and stereotype casts and type set up for reproduction purposes (consigned by or to newspaper-proprietors) will be conveyed subject to the following regulations, viz. :—

- (a.) Packages of newspapers and periodicals must be open at both ends.
- (b.) No receipts will be given for the packages; they will be conveyed at owners' risk, the Department not being liable for damage, delay, detention, or loss; and they must be brought to, and taken from, the railway by the owners. If owners desire them conveyed at the risk of the Department, the ordinary parcel rates will be charged.
- (c.) Charges on packages conveyed under this regulation must, except as provided in paragraph 2 hereof, be prepaid by affixing stamps, obtainable from the Department. Packages insufficiently stamped will be charged the difference between the amount represented by the labels affixed and the full ordinary parcel rates, and the Department will not be responsible for any delay which may arise in consequence.
- (d.) A declaration that the parcels do not contain other than the articles mentioned above must also be printed or plainly written on the address, thus: "Newspapers only," "Stereotype Casts only," as the case may be.
- (e.) The Department reserves the right to open and examine packages.

(f.)

RATES.

| Lb. | Not exceeding | | 151 Miles or Over. |
|-----|---------------|------------|--------------------|
| | 75 Miles. | 150 Miles. | |
| | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. |
| 3 | 0 3 | 0 4 | 0 5 |
| 7 | 0 4 | 0 5 | 0 6 |
| 14 | 0 6 | 0 7 | 0 8 |
| 28 | 0 8 | 0 9 | 0 11 |
| 42 | 0 11 | 1 0 | 1 1 |
| 56 | 1 0 | 1 3 | 1 4 |
| 84 | 1 4 | 1 9 | 2 3 |
| 112 | 1 8 | 2 4 | 2 8 |

(g.) Single newspapers will be conveyed, irrespective of distance, at the uniform charge of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per copy.

2. Newspaper-proprietors who so desire may forward their newspapers under the following conditions, instead of at the foregoing rates :—

(a.) Packages will not be stamped, but the newspaper-proprietor will send to the railway-station with each lot of newspapers a consignment-note or other form of approved list showing the number of packages for each station, together with the total weight of the whole consignment.

(b.) The charges for conveyance of such packages will be computed at the rate of 3s. per hundredweight on the gross weight for each week from each forwarding station irrespective of the distance the packages are carried.

3. Letters for newspaper-proprietors containing *bona fide* press matter for publication, when so endorsed, will be conveyed, irrespective of distance, at the uniform charge of 1d. per letter.

15. Horses, &c.

1. The Department does not undertake to forward horses by any particular train. The owners of horses must provide means of securing them in the horse-box, and the Department will not be responsible for any injuries sustained through their breaking loose or otherwise, nor will it undertake to carry unbroken or vicious horses.

2. Horses must be loaded and unloaded by the owners at their own risk and responsibility. Except as may be otherwise arranged by the Department they must be loaded and consigned not less than half an hour before the due time of departure of the train by which they are intended to be conveyed in each case.

3. Requisitions for trucks for horses must be made at least twenty-four hours before the vehicles are required.

4. The Department reserves the right to load or have loaded into any truck the full number of horses which such truck is designed to carry.