

20. Homing-pigeons.

1. Homing-pigeons sent to a station to be liberated for a race or for training will be conveyed by trains other than express, mail, or passenger trains at half parcel rates on production of a certificate from the secretary of the club to which the owners belong in the following form:—

I hereby certify that the pigeons to the number of _____ consigned from _____ to _____ on _____ are the property of members of _____ Club, and are being forwarded to _____ for the purpose of competing in a race [or for training].

2. Pigeons conveyed by express, mail, or passenger trains will be charged ordinary parcel rates.

3. The empty hampers or boxes will be returned free to the sending-station, and will be conveyed at owners' risk.

21. Fruit, Vegetables, Mushrooms, and Nuts.

1. The maximum charges for fresh fruit, vegetables, mushrooms, and nuts grown and packed in New Zealand (including the Cook Islands and Niue), whether conveyed as excess luggage or as parcels, will be as follows for any distance:—

	s.	d.
Not exceeding 56 lb.	0	8
Over 56 lb., but not exceeding 112 lb.	1	4
For each additional 56 lb., or fraction thereof, above 112 lb., and not exceeding 224 lb.	0	8

2. In addition to the foregoing charges, a charge of 6d. for each hundred-weight or part of a hundredweight will be made for fresh fruit, vegetables, mushrooms, and nuts charged at these maximum rates, consigned as parcels or conveyed as excess luggage to Auckland, Frankton Junction, Hamilton, Wanganui, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, or Invercargill.

22. Dead Game, Dead Hares, Dead Rabbits, and Fresh Fish.

1. The maximum charges for dead game, dead hares, dead rabbits, and fresh fish will be as follows for any distance:—

	s.	d.
Not exceeding 7 lb.	0	8
Over 7 lb., but not exceeding 14 lb.	1	4
Over 14 lb., but not exceeding 28 lb.	2	0

2. In addition to the foregoing charges, a charge of 6d. for each 28 lb. or part of 28 lb. will be made for dead game, dead hares, dead rabbits, and fresh fish charged at these maximum rates, consigned to Auckland, Frankton Junction, Hamilton, Wanganui, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, or Invercargill.

23. Milk and Cream.

1. The charges for the conveyance of milk or cream will be as follows:—

For distances of not more than 11 miles	¼d. per gallon.
For distances over 11 miles but not over 21 miles	¼d. „
For distances over 21 miles but not over 31 miles	1d. „
For each additional 30 miles or fraction thereof over 31 miles	¼d. „

2. Milk or cream consigned to butter-, cheese-, or milk-condensing factories and to or from creameries will be charged ¼d. per gallon for distances of 15 miles and under, ¼d. per gallon for the next 15 miles, and ¼d. per gallon for each additional 30 miles or fraction thereof.

3. The foregoing charges are subject to an increase of one-tenth, with a minimum increase of 2d. in each case.

4. The minimum railage charge for each consignment under this regulation will be 8d.

5. Milk and cream will be carried at these rates only at owners' sole risk and the Department may require all loading or unloading to be performed by the consignor or consignee. For all loading or unloading performed by the Department 3d. per can will be charged in addition to the railage charge for conveyance.

6. Returned empty milk or cream cans will be returned free, but at the sole risk of owners, who must do all loading and unloading.

7. The charges will in each case be computed on the capacity of the can, and each can must be legibly marked with the capacity thereof (in gallons), and the name of the owner, and the station from which he consigns the can.

8. Test-boxes containing samples of milk or cream sent to central offices for testing-purposes will be conveyed at the rate specified in paragraph 2 of this regulation. When returning empty they will be carried free on the same conditions as returned empty milk-cans.

9. Where milk is sent by rail to dairy factories, and the consignors of the milk have their skim-milk sent back to them, the skim-milk will be conveyed free of charge in their cans returning from the factory.

10. Humanized milk will be charged the rates in paragraph 1 of this regulation and carried under the same conditions as milk.

11. Preserved milk, New Zealand manufacture, in cans will be carried under the same conditions and charged at the same rates as milk, paragraph 1 of this regulation, but the returned empty cans will be charged for under Regulation 23, Part III.

24. Corpses.

1. The charge for the conveyance of corpses will be 8d. each per mile. Minimum, £1 7s.

2. Corpses will be accepted for carriage by express, mail, or passenger trains only at the option of the Department and after arrangements have been made with the District Manager. All corpses so carried will be charged 1s. 4d. each per mile; minimum charge, £2 14s.

3. When the conveyance of a corpse by any express, mail, or passenger train necessitates the running of an extra engine, the Department reserves the right to require the payment in respect of the running of such engine (additional to the charges provided for in this regulation) at a rate not exceeding 3s. 6d. each per mile for the actual distance (both ways) run by such engine.