

3. *Bona fide* household removals will be charged Class B and conveyed at the sole risk of the owners. Minimum weight per consignment, 1 ton. Persons desiring the exclusive use of a truck for such household removals may be allowed such exclusive use at a minimum charge as for 3 tons at Class B for each four-wheeled truck.

4. All loading and unloading must be performed by the owners.

(23.) Returned Empties.

1. Returned empties are packages which have on the outward journey been carried over the railways full and are being consigned from the original consignee and the original receiving-station to the original consignor and the original sending-station.

2. Furniture-coverings such as scrim or canvas used for covering furniture which has been conveyed by rail may, when being returned, be carried as returned empties under the provisions of this regulation.

3. The charges for returned empties will be as follows :—

	s. d.
For any distance of not more than 25 miles ..	0 6 per cwt.
For any distance over 25 miles and not more than 50 miles ..	0 9 „
For each 50 miles or part of 50 miles beyond the first 50 ..	0 4½ „

Minimum charge as for 1 cwt.

4. Returned empties must be certified by consignors to have passed over the railway full as provided herein.

5. Carriage must be prepaid, unless there be an arrangement between the Department and the consignee to the contrary.

6. Returned empty butter, egg, fish, fresh-meat, fruit, nut, vegetable, and casein curd packages, other than textile coverings for fresh meat, previously carried over the railway full will be carried from the original consignee and the original receiving-station to the original consignor and the original sending-station, at half the returned-empty rate up to 100 miles, and at the full rate charged for returned empties for the balance of the journey. Textile coverings for fresh meat which has been conveyed by rail will, when being returned to the original consignor and sending-station from the original consignee and the original receiving-station, be conveyed free up to 100 miles and at the full rate for returned empties for the balance of the journey.

7. Owners may be required to perform all handling of returned empties.

8. Consignments under this heading will be carried at owner's risk.

(24.) Empty Cases for Carriage of Fruit, and Shooks for Manufacture of Fruit-cases.

1. Empty cases, manufactured from New Zealand timber, and crates containing empty punnets, consigned direct to *bona fide* fruitgrowers—not “returned empties,” but to be reconsigned over the railway full, and, when so reconsigned, to contain only New-Zealand-grown fresh fruit—will be charged at the rate for returned empties (Regulation 23, Part, III).

2. Shooks, New Zealand timber, not exceeding 3 ft. in length, in bundles, consigned direct from mills to *bona fide* fruitgrowers for manufacture of cases to be used solely for carriage by rail of New-Zealand-grown fresh fruit, will be charged half rates, Class C.

3. Consignments under this heading will be conveyed at owner's risk.

4. Consignment-notes for empty cases, and shooks, carried under this regulation are to be endorsed by senders as follows :—

I hereby certify that these cases [or shooks] are consigned direct to a *bona fide* fruitgrower, and are to be used solely for packing New-Zealand-grown fresh fruit to be conveyed by rail.

5. All loading and unloading must be performed by the owners.

(25.) Exhibits forwarded to Shows, &c.

1. Stock, implements, dogs, poultry, produce, &c., consigned for exhibition at agricultural, horticultural, dog, and poultry shows, and egg-laying competitions; ploughs for use at prize ploughing matches; entire horses consigned for exhibition at horse parades; and sheep-dogs competing at dog trials—will be charged full tariff rates going to the show, competition, ploughing match, parade, or dog trial; such rates must be prepaid.

2. All such goods, whether forming the whole or only a portion of the original consignment, will, if returned unsold within one month from the closing of the show, competition, ploughing match, parade, or dog trial, be conveyed back to the original consignor and to the original forwarding-station free, but at owner's risk, provided a certificate in the following form is handed to the Department when the returned exhibits are consigned.

3. CERTIFICATE FOR UNSOLD RETURNED EXHIBITS.

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To Stationmaster, .

I hereby certify that the undermentioned were catalogued by . . . at the (a) . . . Signed . . . , Secretary, (b) . . .

Description of Exhibits.	Number in Society's Catalogue.