

*Alterations to Scale of Charges in force upon the New Zealand Government Railways.*

IN pursuance of all powers and authorities enabling me under the Government Railways Act, 1908, and its amendments, and of all other powers enabling me in this behalf, I, Joseph Gordon Coates, Minister of Railways, do hereby make the following alterations in the scale of charges in force on the New Zealand Government Railways open for traffic made on the 10th day of August, 1925, and published in the *Gazette* of 11th August, 1925:—

## PART II.—LUGGAGE, PARCELS, HORSES, ETC.

*By omitting from Regulation 15 the following:—*

16. Racehorses, hunters, or polo-ponies travelling to or from race or hunt club meetings or polo matches will be charged as follows:—

(f.) Racehorses, hunters, or polo-ponies, which on the outward journey have been conveyed in Ug trucks by express, mail, or passenger trains will, when returning from the races, hunt meeting, or polo-match by other than express, mail, or passenger trains, be conveyed at half rates, under the same conditions as horses conveyed by other than express, mail, or passenger trains. When horses or ponies have been conveyed on the outward journey by ordinary trains and are returned by express, mail, or passenger trains, full rates will be charged for the return journey less half the amount of the railage paid in respect of the outward journey.

*And substituting the following:—*

16. Racehorses, hunters, or polo-ponies travelling to or from race or hunt club meetings or polo-matches, and which have not broken the journey to compete at race or hunt club meetings or polo-matches on either the outward or homeward journey, and are returned direct from the original destination station to the original forwarding station, will be charged as follows:—

(f.) Racehorses, hunters, or polo-ponies, which on the outward journey have been conveyed in Ug trucks by express, mail, or passenger trains will, when returning from the races, hunt club meeting, or polo-match by other than express, mail, or passenger trains be conveyed at half rates under the same conditions as horses conveyed by other than express, mail, or passenger trains. When horses or ponies have been conveyed on the outward journey by ordinary trains, and are returned by express, mail, or passenger trains, a refund of half the amount paid for the outward journey will be made.

20. Racehorses, hunters, or polo-ponies not coming within the provisions of paragraph 16 of this regulation, and which compete at two or more race or hunt club meetings or polo-matches between the time of their departure from the original forwarding station and their return thereto, will be charged full ordinary or express-train rates (according to the class of train transported by) for all rail journeys made.

21. On the return of such racehorses, hunters, or polo-ponies to the original forwarding station, and on production of a certificate on the prescribed form obtainable at any officered railway-station, duly signed by the secretary of each jockey, racing, or polo club, or master of the hunt at which the horses were entered to compete, and the owner or trainer of the horses, a refund will be made of 25 per cent. of the total amount of the railage paid for horses, hunters, or ponies which have completed a circuit of journeys.

22. The return journey must be made within two months from the date when the horses were consigned from the original forwarding station, and not later than fourteen days from the concluding day of the last race or hunt club meeting or polo-match at which the racehorses, hunters, or polo-ponies were entered to compete.

23. For all horses which have been sold or exchanged no refund will be made on the railage charges paid for such horses, irrespective of the points between which they were carried.

24. Full rates will be charged for all animals received at the original forwarding station in excess of the number forwarded from such station, and no refund will be made of the railage charges on such horses.

## PART III.—GOODS.

*By omitting from Regulation 25 the following:—*

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.

4. For all exhibits which may have been sold ordinary rates will be charged, irrespective of the points between which they are carried.

5. Full ordinary rates will be charged for all vehicles used on the homeward journey in excess of the number of vehicles used for conveyance of the exhibits on the outward journey.

*And substituting the following:—*

2. All such goods (whether forming the whole or only a portion of the original consignment, and which have not broken the journey to compete at a show, competition, ploughing-match, parade, or dog trial on either the outward or homeward journey) 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.