

Alteration to Scale of Charges in Force upon the New Zealand Government Railways.

I N 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 I.—PASSENGERS.

By omitting from Regulation 4 the following:—

3. The charge per berth will be 12s. 6d. Except as provided hereunder, not more than one person will be allowed to occupy any one berth.

And substituting the following:—

3. The charge per berth will be as follows:—	s.	d.
In "special" sleeping-cars	20	0
In other sleeping-cars	12	6

Except as provided hereunder, not more than one person will be allowed to occupy any one berth.

PART III.—GOODS.

By adding to Regulation 7 the following:—

8A. Sawn timber in pieces not exceeding 6 ft. in length will be charged at the actual measurement.

PART IV.—GOODS: LOCAL RATES.

NORTH ISLAND MAIN LINE AND BRANCHES.

By omitting the following:—

Charges at the rate of 6d. per ton (minimum charge, 2s.) will be made for the use of the Department's crane on Opua Wharf.

And substituting the following:—

Charges at the rate of 6d. per ton (minimum charge 14s.) will be made for the use of the Department's steam crane on Opua Wharf.

By adding the following:—

Timber hauled between the Castlecliff Railway line and private sidings at Wanganui will be charged 6d. per 100 superficial feet. Minimum charge 3s. 6d. per four-wheeled wagon, and 7s. per bogie wagon.

WESTPORT SECTION.

By adding the following:—

Timber loaded at Westport for shipment at Westport wharf will be charged 3d. per 100 superficial feet for haulage from sidings to ships.

PICTON SECTION.

Wellington-Blenheim Freight Rates.—Produce.

By omitting the following:—

Chaff, per bag	1	2
Hay and straw, pressed, per 20 cwt.	40	0

And substituting the following:—

Chaff, per bag	1	0
Hay, pressed, per 20 cwt.	40	0
Straw, pressed, per 20 cwt.	35	0

SOUTH ISLAND MAIN LINE AND BRANCHES.

By omitting the following:—

Coal, Rewanui to Dunedin.

Coal from Rewanui to Dunedin will be charged 24s. 8d. per ton.

Christchurch to Methven.

1. Except otherwise specified, goods of Classes A, B, C, and D from Christchurch to Methven will be charged as follows:—

Goods of Classes A, B, C, and D, excepting benzine, kerosene, and similar mineral oils	Per Ton.	s.	d.
Benzine, kerosene, and similar mineral oils	25	0	0

And substituting the following:—

Coal, Rewanui to Dunedin.

Coal from Rewanui to Dunedin will be charged 24s. 6d. per ton. This charge includes weighing and delivery to private sidings at Dunedin.

Christchurch to Stations between Hatfield and Methven inclusive.

1. Except otherwise specified, goods of Classes A, B, C, and D from Christchurch to stations between Hatfield and Methven inclusive will be charged as follows:—

Goods of Classes A, B, C, and D, excepting benzine, kerosene, and similar mineral oils	Per Ton.	s.	d.
Benzine, kerosene, and similar mineral oils	25	0	0