

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, 1926, 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; and I do hereby declare that such alterations shall come into force on the 29th October, 1928.

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

By omitting Regulation 10 :—

10. Parcel Rates.

1. Stamped prepaid parcels will be conveyed at the following rates :—

Weight.	Not exceeding					Over 300 Miles.
	30 Miles.	50 Miles.	100 Miles.	200 Miles.	300 Miles.	
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
3 lb.	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6
7 lb.	0 6	0 6	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0
14 lb.	0 6	0 9	1 0	1 6	2 0	2 0
28 lb.	0 9	1 0	1 6	2 0	3 0	3 0
56 lb.	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 9	5 0	6 0
84 lb.	2 0	2 9	3 6	5 6	7 6	9 0
112 lb.	2 6	3 3	4 0	6 6	10 0	12 0
For each 28 lb. or fraction thereof in excess of 112 lb.	0 6	0 6	0 6	1 0	2 0	3 0

2. Articles exceeding 2 cwt. in weight or 20 cubic feet in measurement will not be accepted for conveyance at parcel rates.

3. In addition to the above rates a charge of 6d. for each hundredweight or part of a hundredweight will be made upon all parcels consigned to Auckland, Frankton Junction, Hamilton, Wanganui, Hawera, New Plymouth, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, or Invercargill.

4. The foregoing charges apply only when charges are prepaid (in the case of an officered station) by stamps or (in the case of a flag station) by cash or stamps, 25 per cent. additional will be imposed when railage is not prepaid or when parcels are insufficiently stamped. Minimum additional charge, 3d.; maximum, 1s.

5. Adhesive stamps for use in prepayment of railage on parcels of the following value—namely, 1d., 2d., 3d., 6d., 9d., 1s., 1s. 6d., 2s., 2s. 6d., 5s., will be sold at all railway-stations where Stationmasters are in charge.

6. Except where otherwise specified, each parcel will be charged for separately. Fractions of 1d. will be charged as 1d.

7. Stamps are not to be used when the consignment consists of more than one package and the charges are computed on the total weight of all the packages. In such cases, however, charges will, if prepaid, be computed at the stamped-parcel prepaid rates.

8. Parcels from flag station at which stamps are not procurable will be charged at the stamped rate provided charges are prepaid.

9. Consignment-notes must be tendered with all parcels whether stamped or not. Stamps should be securely affixed as nearly as possible to the address on the parcel, but so as not to obliterate any part of the address. Where the nature of the package does not admit of the stamp being securely affixed thereon it should be affixed to a label securely attached to the package.

10. Articles or packages conveyed at parcel rates will be allowed free storage for seven days after arrival at destination. After the expiration of the period named 3d. per week or part of a week will be charged on each package. Parcels not taken delivery of within four working-hours after being available for delivery will be held by the Department as warehousemen. Parcels not claimed within six months may be sold.

11. Cut flowers, not made up into wreaths, &c., packed in baskets, hampers, or boxes, will be charged half parcel rates; minimum charge, 6d.

12. Parcels or packages containing or consisting of the following articles will be charged rate and a quarter :—

Artificial flowers.

Basketware.

Basket-chairs.

Bath-chairs.

Bicycles packed in cases or crates,

Bicycle and motor-bicycle rims, wheels, frames, or forks.

Bird-cages.

Birds in cages.

Cardboard or strawboard boxes, empty or containing millinery, feathers, or other goods liable to damage by crushing.

Cycle-trailers.

Dress-stands.

Glassware, chinaware, or crockery (except druggists' bottles) not packed in cases.

Hand-carts.

Mattresses, bolsters, pillows, or other packages containing kapok, flock, wool, tow, horsehair, or similar materials.

Liquor not packed in cases.

Perambulators and go-carts.

Picture-frames and mouldings.

Rocking-horses.

Side-cars for motor-bicycles.

Stags' heads, mounted or unmounted.

Stuffed birds and animals.

Toys.

Tricycles, tricycle-wheels, or frames.

Typewriters, loose.

Wickerware.

Wreaths and other similar articles made up of cut flowers or plants.