

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

IN pursuance of all powers and authorities enabling me under the Government Railways Act, 1926, and its amendments, and of all other powers enabling me in this behalf, I, William Burgoyne Taverner, 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.

4. Sleeping-berths.

By omitting the following :—

4. (a) No charge in addition to the full sleeping-berth fee paid by a parent or guardian in respect of himself or herself will be made for one child not exceeding three years of age who occupies the same berth as such parent or guardian.

(c) Children over three and under twelve years of age occupying the same berth as their parent or guardian will be charged half the ordinary rate for an adult occupying a berth, in addition to the full charge payable by the parent or guardian.

And substituting the following :—

4. (a) Children not exceeding twelve years of age occupying the same berth as their parent or guardian may do so without payment of a berthing fee other than the full charge payable by the parent or guardian.

7. Day-excursion Tickets.

By deleting from the first line in paragraph 1 "12 miles" and inserting in lieu thereof "6 miles."

By deleting from paragraph 2 "12 miles," first "2s. 3d.," second "1s. 6d.," and inserting "6-12 miles," first "2s. 3d.," second "1s. 6d."

13. Annual Season Tickets.

By omitting the following :—

2. Transferable tickets will be transferred for business purposes once in any month during their currency from the holder to a member or employee of the same person, firm, or company on payment of a transfer fee of 12s. 6d. on the occasion of each transfer. Application for transfer must be made to the District Manager. The ticket to be transferred, together with the transfer fee, 12s. 6d., must be deposited when application for transfer is made.

And substituting the following :—

2. Transferable tickets will be transferred for business purposes at any time during their currency to any person who is employed by the holder or who is a member or an employee of the same firm or company as the holder, on payment of a transfer fee of 12s. 6d. on the occasion of each transfer. Application for transfer is to be made to the District Manager. The ticket to be transferred, together with the transfer fee, 12s. 6d., must be deposited when application for transfer is made.

24. Picnic Parties.

By omitting the following :—

7. Where special trains are provided at the request of the party, a guarantee equal to 100 second-class adult ordinary, or suburban where applicable, return fares may be required, minimum charge £12 10s. The distance which a special excursion train has to run empty to commence a run will be charged at the rate of 7s. 6d. per mile, and the amount so charged will be added to the amount of the guarantee.

By omitting the following :—

26. Sporting and Pleasure Parties.

1. Second-class return tickets at ordinary fares, available for first-class carriages, will be issued to athletic teams, golf, rowing, and rifle clubs, and pleasure parties, of not less than twelve adult passengers travelling together. Where a single journey only is to be made, second-class single tickets at ordinary fares will be issued available for first-class carriages. Minimum fare, 2s.

2. Second-class return tickets, endorsed available for return up to and including the day after the day on which the ticket is available for the outward journey in each case, will be issued at three-fourths the ordinary second-class return fare to athletic teams, golf, rowing, and rifle clubs, and pleasure parties of not less than twelve adult passengers travelling together who wish to travel second class. Minimum fare, 2s.

3. Teams and parties are required to give not less than three days' notice to the District Manager, and must travel by the trains arranged for by that officer. They will be furnished with a certificate signed by the District Manager authorizing the concession specified herein. Certificate must be shown to the guard or any other officer of the Department when tickets are examined, or at any other time when requested.

4. The Department reserves to itself the right to decline any application.

And substituting the following :—

26. Sporting and Pleasure Parties.

1. Second-class single or return tickets at ordinary fares (Regulation 2), available for first-class carriages, may be issued to athletic teams, golf, rowing, and rifle clubs, and pleasure parties of not less than twelve adult passengers travelling together, or such other number as may be approved by the District Manager.