

LUGGAGE, PARCELS, ETC.—*continued.*

- (e) From any officered station on the South Island main line and branches, including Central Booking Office, Christchurch, to any station on the Picton Section or on the North Island main line and branches, except Wellington (Lambton or Thorndon).
- (f) From Stewart Island to any station on the North Island main line and branches, except Wellington (Lambton or Thorndon), or the South Island main line and branches, except Bluff.
- (g) From any officered station on the Picton Section to any station on the North Island main line and branches or on the South Island main line and branches, except Wellington (Lambton or Thorndon).
- (h) From Wellington Wharf to any station on the Picton Section, except Picton, or on the South Island main line and branches, except Lyttelton, or to Stewart Island.
- (i) From any officered station on the South Island main line and branches (including Central Booking Office, Christchurch) except Lyttelton, or on the Picton Section, except Picton, or from Stewart Island, to Wellington Wharf.
- (j) Luggage will not be checked between Picton and Lyttelton.
- (k) Luggage checked from or to the Wellington Wharf will be dealt with at the wharf by the Wellington Harbour Board, and will be subject to the by-laws and regulations of the Wellington Harbour Board.
2. Subject to the provisions of the Act and of the regulations and of any by-laws under the Act, checked luggage will be held and conveyed at the risk of the Department or of the shipping company or of the Wellington Harbour Board, as the case may be.
3. Each package must, when presented for checking, be in good order and be distinctly addressed with the name of the passenger and the place to which he is proceeding. All old labels must first have been removed, each package locked or otherwise properly secured, and the person delivering it must obtain a check for each package delivered. The Department reserves the right to decline to check any package of luggage that is not fully and legibly addressed, locked, or properly secured, and from which old labels have not been removed, or which is not in good order. Trunks, suit-cases, bags, and other luggage containers must be such as, in the opinion of the Department, will enable the packages to withstand the ordinary incidents of transport without sustaining damage. The Department reserves the right to decline to accept for transport as luggage any package which does not meet this requirement.
4. Luggage to be checked may, if being forwarded from an officered station, or a flag station where facilities for the checking of luggage are provided, be delivered at the station from which the passenger will travel not more than one month before the date on which the passenger will travel, and (without prejudice to the provisions regarding excess luggage) must be delivered at such station at least fifteen minutes before the due time of departure of the train by which it is to be conveyed.
5. Luggage from flag stations at which there are no facilities provided for the checking of luggage and which the owners desire to check must be taken to the guard's van, and be there handed to the guard of the train.
6. In the case of luggage on which excess charges are payable forwarded from a station where no provision is made for the excessing of such luggage, the excess charges must be paid to the guard, who will issue a ticket for the amount received.
7. The person delivering luggage to be checked must, on the same being checked, obtain a check for each package so delivered. The checks so obtained must be surrendered at the time of delivery of the luggage by the person who takes delivery of the luggage at destination station. Delivery by the Department of any checked luggage on the surrender of the appropriate checks to the person surrendering such checks and acceptance of such delivery by such person shall discharge the Department of any liability in respect of such luggage.
8. Except as hereinafter provided, no package of checked luggage will be delivered until the check has been surrendered. The Department will not be responsible for any loss or inconvenience that may arise through the failure of the passenger or his agent to produce the necessary check. The Department reserves the right to decline to deliver checked luggage at any station other than the original destination station of such luggage.
9. Passengers are not bound to see personally to the checking or excessing of their luggage, or to attend in person to obtain delivery of their luggage, but may arrange for any person, other than a railway employee, to act on their behalf; the Department, however, reserves to itself the right to demand the production of the passenger's railway ticket whenever it may deem such a step to be necessary, and to decline to accept any luggage for transit until such demand has been complied with.
10. Any person claiming delivery to him of any checked luggage, who may be unable to produce the check therefor owing to having lost such check, may be required to make, at his own cost, a statutory declaration setting forth the number of the luggage-check lost, the number and description of such package of which delivery is claimed, and such other information as the Department may require. He may be required to indemnify the Department against any loss or claim that may arise as a result of delivery to such person, and to furnish such other proofs of his title to delivery of such luggage as the Department may require, before such luggage shall be delivered. Should the information furnished by the claimant or proofs of title to delivery or the indemnity be deemed by the Department to be insufficient or unsatisfactory, delivery of the luggage may be withheld, and the Department shall not be liable for any inconvenience or loss that may result from delivery being so withheld. A search fee of 6d. will be made in respect of each luggage-check lost.
11. For each check issued for luggage to be conveyed on a continuous journey on one section of railway the charge will be 6d. For each check issued for luggage conveyed between stations on the South Island main line and branches and Stewart Island the charge will be 9d.
12. For each check issued for luggage to be conveyed by railway and ship between points in the North and South Islands, or *vice versa*, the charge, including cartage between rail and steamer at Wellington, will be 1s. For each