

LUGGAGE, PARCELS, ETC.—*continued.*

4. The provisions of this regulation will be applicable only to fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, mushrooms, and nuts forwarded for the domestic use of the consignee, with a maximum weight per consignment of 2 cwt., and will not apply to fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, mushrooms, and nuts forwarded for sale or to be used or dealt with by the consignee for any purpose other than that mentioned. In every case the consignor shall endorse on the face of the consignment-note, "Certified for domestic use of consignee only."

5. The Department reserves the right to decline to carry fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, mushrooms, and nuts at these rates on any express, mail, or passenger train.

57. Dead Game, Dead Hares, Dead Rabbits, and Fresh Fish.

1. The maximum charges for parcels not exceeding 28 lb. in weight containing dead game, dead hares, dead rabbits, and fresh fish will be as follows between any two stations on the same section of railway:—

	s.	d.
Not exceeding 7 lb.	0	8
Over 7 lb. but not exceeding 14 lb.	1	4
Over 14 lb. but not exceeding 28 lb.	2	0

2. In addition to the foregoing charges, a charge of 6d. for each 28 lb. or part of 28 lb. will be made for dead game, dead hares, dead rabbits, and fresh fish charged at these maximum rates, consigned to Auckland, Frankton Junction, Hamilton, Wanganui, Haveria, New Plymouth, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, or Invercargill.

58. Milk and Cream.

1. The charges for the conveyance of milk or cream will be as follows:—

For distances of not more than 11 miles	½d.	per gallon.
For distances over 11 miles but not over 21 miles	¾d.	"
For distances over 21 miles but not over 31 miles	1d.	"
For each additional 30 miles or fraction thereof over 31 miles	¾d.	"

2. Milk or cream consigned to butter-, cheese-, or milk-condensing factories and to or from creameries will be charged ½d. per gallon for distances of 15 miles and under, ¾d. per gallon for the next 15 miles, and 1d. per gallon for each additional 30 miles or fraction thereof.

3. The foregoing charges are subject to an increase of one-tenth, with a minimum increase of 2d. in each case.

4. The minimum railage charge for each consignment under this regulation will be 8d.

5. Milk and cream will be carried at these rates only at owners' sole risk and the Department may require all loading or unloading to be performed by the consignor or consignee. For all loading or unloading performed by the Department 3d. per can will be charged in addition to the railage charge for conveyance.

6. The charges will in each case be computed on the capacity of the can and each can must be legibly marked with the capacity thereof (in gallons), and the name of the owner, and the station from which he consigns the can.

7. Empty milk or cream cans being returned from the original consignee and receiving station to the original consignor and forwarding station will be conveyed free: Provided that the Department reserves the right to refuse such free conveyance in the case of any dairy or milk-condensing factory or creamery which utilizes means other than the railway for the carriage of the output of such factory or creamery, when the railway is available for the transport of such output.

8. Where free conveyance is granted, the empty returned cans will be carried at the sole risk of the owners, who must perform all loading and unloading. In such cases as the Department may direct that free conveyance is not to be granted on empty returned cans, the following charges will be made for the conveyance of such cans at owners' risk, owners to load and unload:—

Distance.	Charge.
Not exceeding thirty miles	2d. per can.
Exceeding thirty miles, but not exceeding fifty miles	3d. "
For any distance in excess of fifty miles	4d. "

The railage charges on empty return cans must be prepaid.

9. Test-boxes containing samples of milk or cream sent to central offices for testing-purposes will be conveyed at the rate specified in paragraph 2 of this regulation. When returning empty they will be returned free, but at the sole risk of the owners, who must do all loading and unloading.

10. Where milk is sent by rail to factories or creameries, and the consignors of the milk have their skim-milk returned to them, such skim-milk will be carried under the provisions of paragraphs 7 and 8 of this regulation.

11. Humanized milk will be charged the rates in paragraph 1 of this regulation and carried under the same conditions as milk.

12. Preserved milk, New Zealand manufacture, in cans will be carried under the same conditions and charged at the same rates as milk, paragraph 1 of this regulation, but the returned empty cans will be charged for under Regulation 89.

59. Library Exchanges.

1. Books for exchange forwarded to and from subscribers to recognized circulating libraries from and to such libraries will be carried at one-quarter parcels rates, with a minimum charge of 4d., under the following conditions, viz.:—

- The sender's name must be legibly inscribed on each parcel.
- Each parcel must be open at both ends.
- Each parcel must be declared on the consignment-note to contain books for exchange only.