

the number of the wanted Subscriber. When the conversation is finished the receiver should be replaced on the hook and no 'ring off' should be given. The code rings corresponding with the different letters used are:—'A,' one short one long; 'D,' one long two short; 'J,' one short three long; 'K,' one long one short one long; 'M,' two long; 'R,' one short one long one short; 'S,' three short; 'U,' two short one long; 'W,' one short two long; 'X,' one long two short one long.

A short ring in the above cases is one complete revolution of the magneto handle; a long ring is three revolutions.

## SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR TELEPHONE EXCHANGE CONNECTIONS.

### WITHIN BASE-RATE AREAS.

Class of Connection.	Exchanges open continuously.			Not open continuously.
	Class 1.	Class 2.	Class 3.	Class 4.
	Over 3500 Subscribers	1001 to 2500 Subscribers	201 to 1000 Subscribers	
	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.
Individual line: Business ..	15 0	11 0	10 0	8 0
" Residence..	8 10	7 10	7 0	6 0
Two-party line: Business ..	10 0	8 0	7 0	6 0
" Residence..	7 0	6 0	5 10	4 10
Three-party line: Business ..	9 5	7 15	6 10	5 10
" Residence..	6 15	5 15	5 0	4 0
Four-party line: Business ..	—	7 0	6 0	5 0
" Residence..	6 0	5 0	4 10	3 10

### EXTRA MILEAGE CHARGES.

- Individual lines:** Per furlong or fraction thereof beyond the boundary of the base-rate area, 10s. per annum.
- Two-party lines:** Per Station, per furlong or fraction thereof beyond the boundary of the base-rate area, 5s. per annum.
- Three-party lines:** Per Station, per furlong or fraction thereof beyond the boundary of the base-rate area, 3s. 4d. per annum.
- Four-party lines:** Per Station, per furlong or fraction thereof beyond the boundary of the base-rate area, 2s. 6d. per annum.

The minimum extra mileage charge is £3 per mile per annum.

### RURAL LINES.

Rural line service for five to ten party is available for Subscribers outside the base-rate area. The minimum rate is £3 per station. The minimum mileage charge is £1 5s. per quarter mile of circuit.

### PRIVATE TELEPHONE LINES.

Persons may construct their own lines to connect with the Departmental system.

### JOINT USE OF TELEPHONE.

Any person occupying the same premises as a Subscriber may, upon payment of a small annual fee, arrange with the Subscriber for the joint use of his connection.

### ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER USE OF TELEPHONE.

Telephone connections must not be used for improper or unlawful purposes, or for the purpose of conveying fictitious messages. Telephone messages must not contain language of an objectionable, obscene, or offensive nature, or of a character calculated to provoke a breach of the peace.

(For full information about Telephone Regulations, see Postal Guide.)

## CHARGES FOR TOLL COMMUNICATIONS.

**NOTE.—URGENT COMMUNICATIONS** at ANY time are charged double the fees shown under the heading '8 a.m. to 9 p.m.' They take precedence of all others.

### ORDINARY RATES

(Including Sundays and Holidays).

The charges for the use of toll lines are as follows:—

From 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.,—	
Up to three minutes—	
For distances up to 20 miles .. .. .	s. d.
For every additional 5 miles or fraction thereof up to 100 miles .. .. .	0 4
For every additional 10 miles or fraction thereof exceeding 100 miles .. .. .	0 1
From 9 p.m. to midnight and from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. at exchanges which are open at any time between those hours,—	
Up to three minutes,—	
For distances up to 40 miles .. .. .	0 4
For every additional 5 miles or fraction thereof up to 100 miles .. .. .	0 0½
For every additional 10 miles or fraction thereof exceeding 100 miles .. .. .	0 1
From midnight to 6 a.m.,—	
Up to six minutes—	
For distances up to 40 miles .. .. .	0 4
For every additional 5 miles or fraction thereof up to 100 miles .. .. .	0 0½
For every additional 10 miles or fraction thereof exceeding 100 miles .. .. .	0 1

For every additional minute exceeding 3 between 6 a.m. and midnight, and for every additional minute exceeding 6 between midnight and 6 a.m., the charge is one-third of the initial rate. All fractions of a penny are counted when calculating the charge for a communication, but fractions smaller than a halfpenny are disregarded in the total.

A charge as for one minute is made for unsuccessful calls, if the toll line has been used.

The delivery to a person outside a toll station of a message that such person is required to attend at the station is subject to a special fee. No message, except a request for attendance, may be delivered.

Toll accounts are payable on demand, and must be paid within seven days, otherwise toll privileges may be suspended.

(For further information see Postal Guide.)

## CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER CENTRES.

The special attention of Subscribers is directed to the ease with which conversations may be arranged with other centres, such as ASHBURTON, BLENHEIM, GREYMOUTH, HUNEDIN, HOKITIKA, NELSON, OAMARU, TIMARU, WESTPORT.

## TRANSMISSION OF TELEGRAMS BY TELEPHONE.

A Subscriber to a Telephone Exchange may, by applying to the Postmaster in writing, have his telegrams telephoned to or from his business or private address during the ordinary hours of the Telegraph Office. (For Charges see Postal Guide.)

Telegrams may be addressed to a Telephone Exchange Subscriber and telephoned to the addressee free of charge.