

## Rates of Postage chargeable on Letters, Book Packets, Newspapers, &c., posted in New Zealand.

### I.—Town Letters.

Posted at any Post Office within the Colony for delivery at or from the same Post Office—

	s.	d.
Not exceeding half an ounce	0	1
Exceeding half an ounce but not exceeding one ounce	0	2
For every additional half ounce or fraction of half an ounce	0	1

### II.—Inland Letters.

Posted at any Post Office within the Colony for delivery at or from any other Post Office within the Colony—

	s.	d.
Not exceeding half an ounce	0	2
Exceeding half an ounce but not exceeding one ounce	0	4
For every additional half ounce or fraction of half an ounce	0	2

### III.—Book Packets, Patterns, Samples and Parcels.

Posted at any Post Office within the Colony for delivery at or from any Post Office within the Colony—

	s.	d.
Not exceeding two ounces	0	1
Not exceeding four ounces	0	2
For every additional two ounces or fraction of two ounces	0	1

No book packet, pattern, sample, or parcel must exceed five pounds in weight.

### IV.—Newspapers.

	s.	d.
For each newspaper posted in the Colony for delivery at any Post Office within the Colony	0	0½
For each newspaper posted in the Colony for delivery at places without the Colony, except to the Foreign countries mentioned in Table of Postage Rates	0	1

### V.—Registration.

For every letter, book packet and pattern parcel, or newspaper registered at any Post Office within the Colony for delivery at or from any Post Office within the Colony, a fee of sixpence will be charged in addition to the postage.

### VI.—Soldiers' and Sailors' Letters.

Letters addressed to or forwarded by any non-commissioned officer, army schoolmaster (not of the first class), army schoolmistress, soldier, or seaman, while actually employed in Her Majesty's service, may be transmitted within the Colony, and between the Colony and the Australian Colonies, India, British Ports in the Mediterranean, and the United Kingdom, at a charge of one penny each; and to any Post Office within the British Dominions, *via* the United Kingdom, by British Mail Packet, at twopence each, provided that the following regulations are observed:—

- (1.) Each letter must not exceed half an ounce in weight.
- (2.) If sent by any such privileged person, it must be superscribed with the name of the writer, his description or class in the regiment or vessel, and signed by the officer at the time in command.
- (3.) If addressed to any such privileged person, his description or class in the regiment or vessel must be specified thereon.
- (4.) If posted within the Colony, the postage must be prepaid.

Letters of this description posted or received in the Colony, not in accordance with the foregoing regulations, will be treated as ordinary letters. Soldiers' and sailors' letters, addressed to foreign places, are chargeable with the foreign transit rates due to the countries through which such letters may pass.

### VII.—Trade Circulars and Prices Current, registered at the General Post Office, Wellington, for transmission by Post.

	s.	d.
To places within the Colony, each	0	1
To Australia and India, each	0	1
To the United Kingdom <i>via</i> San Francisco, each	0	1
To the United Kingdom <i>via</i> Suez and Southampton, each	0	1

On trade circulars and prices current addressed to foreign countries, foreign book rates, as enumerated in the Table of Postage Rates, will be charged in addition to the Colonial rate of one penny each.

### ARTICLES NOT ALLOWED TO BE SENT BY POST.

It is forbidden to forward by post any indecent or obscene print, painting, photograph, lithograph, engraving, book, or card, or any other indecent or obscene article, or any letter, newspaper, publication, packet, or card having thereon any words, marks, or designs of an indecent, obscene, libellous, or grossly offensive character.

Postmasters are instructed not to receive any letter which there is good reason to believe contains anything likely to injure the contents of the mail bag, or to do bodily harm to any officer of the Post Office. The following are examples of the articles referred to:—

A glass bottle, or glass in any form; leeches, game, fish, meat, fruit, or vegetables; bladders or other vessels containing liquids; gunpowder, lucifer matches, or anything which is explosive or liable to sudden combustion; razors, scissors, needles, forks, or other sharp instruments are also forbidden.

### MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS.

The Post Office is not, by law, responsible for any loss or inconvenience which may arise from the non-delivery, mis-sending, or mis-delivery of any letter, book, or other postal packet (even if the packet be registered); nor is the Post Office responsible for any injury which a packet may sustain during its transmission.

To guard against such injury, all postal packets which are likely to suffer from stamping or from great pressure, should be placed in strong covers; and even with this precaution no fragile article should be sent through the Post.

No information can be given respecting letters which pass through a Post Office except to the persons to whom they are addressed; and in no other way is official information of a private character allowed to be made public.

Postmasters are not allowed to return any letter or other packet to the writer or sender, or to anyone else, or to delay forwarding it to its destination according to the address, even though a request to such effect be written thereon.

Every letter should contain the full address of the writer, in order to ensure its return if the person to whom it is directed cannot be found.

Neither money nor any other article of considerable value ought ever to be sent through the post, except by means of a money order or in a registered letter.

Whenever bank notes are sent by post, even in registered letters, they should be cut in halves, and the second halves should not be posted till it has been ascertained that the first halves have been received.