

CONSTABLES.—Constables and their prisoners are allowed to travel free on all railways, without passes.

FREE PASSES, &c.—Free Passes, Season, or School Tickets, do not entitle the bearers thereof to travel by Special or Excursion Trains, except the ordinary trains are suspended.

ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS

To the Rates for the Conveyance, Delivery, and Storage of Goods, Parcels, &c., on all the New Zealand Railways.

In accordance with By-laws for the New Zealand Railways, fixed by Order in Council, dated the 17th day of April, 1877, the following alterations and additions to the rates for the conveyance delivery, storage of goods, parcels, &c., on all the New Zealand Railways, are hereby declared to be fixed, and shall come into force from the day of the date thereof:—

PASSENGERS.—Family season tickets will be issued on application to the Manager at two-thirds the rate of ordinary season tickets. Minimum charge as for four persons.

The rate for special trains with one large or two small carriages to be fifteen shillings (15s.) per mile. For every additional carriage, five shillings (5s.) per mile. Minimum charge, five pounds (£5). Mileage charged one way only.

Season tickets at half ordinary fares will be issued to apprentices and pupil teachers whose age does not exceed 19 years, upon production of satisfactory certificates from their masters or employers that the applicants are actually serving as apprentices or pupil teachers, and that their age is within the prescribed limits.

GRAIN.—If bags contain more than 4 bushels, the excess weight will be charged at a rate and a half.

MISCELLANEOUS.—The driver of any public vehicle plying for hire within the precincts of any railway will be charged a fee of one pound (£1) for a twelve months' license, to be issued at the option of the Manager. No public vehicle allowed to ply within the limits of the railway without a license.

Stamp Duties.

AFFIDAVIT OR DECLARATION 2s 6d

EXEMPTION—

Declaration made before a Notary of the execution of any deed or other document.

AGREEMENT, or any minute or memorandum of an agreement, under hand only, where the matter thereof shall be of the value of £20 or upwards, whether the same shall only be evidence of a contract, or obligatory on the parties from its being a written instrument, together with every schedule, receipt, or other matter put or endorsed thereon or annexed thereto 1s 0d

Provided always that where divers letters shall be offered in evidence to prove any agreement between the parties who shall have written such letters, it shall be sufficient if any of such letters shall be stamped with a duty of two shillings and sixpence.

An agreement under hand may be stamped by an impressed or an adhesive stamp. Whenever the latter shall be used, one of the parties to the agreement who shall sign the same, shall also at the time of so signing write upon, or across the stamp, his initials and the date of the day and year of writing the same, otherwise the stamp will be of no avail; and proof of the said writing shall be a necessary part of the evidence of the agreement, when not stamped with an impressed stamp.

An agreement under hand may be stamped by the Commissioner within one month after execution, on payment of the duty. After one month and less than three months, on payment of twenty per cent. in addition to duty; and after three months on payment of duty and a fine of £5.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE—

INLAND BILL OF EXCHANGE, DRAFT, OR ORDER, for the payment to the bearer or to order, at any time otherwise than on demand, of any sum of money not exceeding £50 1s 0d
Ditto, not exceeding £100 2s 0d
And where the same shall exceed £100, then for every £50, and also for any fractional part of £50 1s 0d

FOREIGN BILL OF EXCHANGE drawn, but payable out of the Colony of New Zealand—

If drawn single or otherwise than in a set of two or more, same duty as on Inland Bill of same amount and tenor.
If drawn in sets of two, then for every Bill of each set where the sum payable shall not exceed £50 0s 6d
And where it shall exceed £50, and not exceed £100 1s 0d
And where the same shall exceed £100, then for every £50, and also any fractional part of £50 0s 6d
If drawn in sets of three or more, for every Bill of each set where the sum payable thereby shall not exceed £50 0s 4d
And where it shall exceed £50 and not exceed £100 0s 8d
And where the same shall exceed £100, then for every £50, and also any fractional part of £50 0s 4d

Inland Bills drawn and payable within the Colony, if drawn in sets of two or more, pay duty at the same rates as Foreign Bills drawn in sets.

Bills of Exchange drawn out of the Colony, but endorsed or negotiated within the Colony, the same duty as on a Bill of Exchange drawn within the Colony, and payable within the Colony.

Bills of Exchange payable on demand, which shall be endorsed out of the Colony, or purport to be so endorsed, wheresoever the same may have been drawn, but paid within the Colony 0s 1d

MODE OF STAMPING AND CANCELLING—

An impressed stamp may be used, which need not be cancelled; but if an adhesive stamp be made use of, the person using the same must, at the same time, write on the stamp his name, or initials, with the date of the month and year of using the same; or these particulars may be stamped or impressed in ink thereon provided that the stamp be effectually obliterated so that it cannot be used again. In the case of Bills of Exchange the stamp must be cancelled by the acceptor; Promissory Notes by the drawer. This clause does not apply to Bills or promissory Notes drawn out of the Colony.