

GENERAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH TELEGRAMS MAY BE TRANSMITTED ON THE LINES OF ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH BELONGING TO THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND.

1. FORM OF TELEGRAM.—All ordinary Telegrams must be written in ink, on the printed forms supplied by the department for the purpose, and all Telegrams must be signed by the sender.

Telegraph Officers are at liberty to refuse the transmission of any Telegrams that do not strictly comply with these regulations.

2. CHARGES OF TELEGRAMS.—Telegrams will be charged at the Tariff rates published from time to time by authority of the Postmaster-General.

All ordinary Telegrams must be prepaid.

When the sender of a Telegram desires it, he may prepay the reply to his Telegram, and the messenger will wait not longer than five minutes for such prepaid reply. Should the sender of a Telegram desire to have his Telegram repeated back, to insure accuracy, such repetition will be made at half the charge of the original Telegram.

3. TRANSMISSION OF TELEGRAMS.—Ordinary Telegrams will be transmitted in the order in which they are received from the public. Special Telegrams on the public service, and those admitted as urgent, being Telegrams forwarded on pressing emergencies, such as accidents and cases of illness, take the precedence of ordinary Telegrams.

4. TELEGRAMS IN CYPHER.—Telegrams may be transmitted in cypher, which will be counted according to the following scale:—Separate cyphers count as one word; groups of five cyphers, or fractional parts of five cyphers, count as one word. Groups exceeding five cyphers are counted at the rate of five cyphers to the word. Any fractional portion remaining to be counted as a word. Note.—Where cyphers are used, the sender is recommended to pay for the repetition of the Telegram, to insure accuracy in the transmission.

5. DELIVERY OF TELEGRAMS.—Telegrams will be delivered free of charge within the towns in which the stations are situated. But when the Telegrams have to be delivered beyond the boundary of such towns, an additional charge will be made, to defray the expenses of portorage or postage, as the case may be.

6. RESPONSIBILITY.—The Government will not be held responsible for errors, omissions, or delays in the transmission of Telegrams, nor for the non-transmission of any Telegram, nor for delays in the delivery, nor for the non-delivery of any Telegram, from whatever causes the same may arise.

All Telegrams will be held strictly confidential.

SCALE OF CHARGES:—

From Christchurch	Number of Words, exclusive of Addresses.							For every extra 25 Words, or fractional part thereof.
	10 and under.	11 to 20	21 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	51 to 75	76 to 100	
To Heathcote ... ..	s. d. 2 0	s. d. 3 6	s. d. 5 0	s. d. 6 0	s. d. 7 0	s. d. 8 6	s. d. 10 0	s. d. 2 6
„ Lyttelton ... ..	2 0	3 6	5 0	6 0	7 0	8 6	10 0	2 6
„ Timaru ... ..	4 0	7 0	10 0	12 0	14 0	17 0	20 0	5 0
„ Oamaru ... ..	4 0	7 0	10 0	12 0	14 0	17 0	20 0	5 0
„ Dunedin ... ..	5 0	8 6	12 6	15 0	17 6	21 6	25 0	6 3
„ Invercargill... ..	6 0	10 6	15 0	18 0	21 0	25 6	30 0	7 6
„ Bluff ... ..	6 0	10 6	15 0	18 0	21 0	25 6	30 0	7 6
„ Picton ... ..	5 0	8 6	12 6	15 0	17 6	21 6	25 0	6 3

Extra Copies 1s. for every 100 Words, or fractional part thereof.

NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN TARIFFS.

The following are the Tariffs of New Zealand, Victoria, South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia, compared as to principal articles:—

	New Zealand.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	South Australia.	Queensland.	Western Australia.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Brandy, gal. ... ..	12 0	10 0	10 0	10 0	10 0	12 0
Gin, gal. ... ..	12 0	10 0	10 0	10 0	10 0	12 0
Rum, gal. ... ..	12 0	10 0	7 0	10 0	7 0	12 0
Whiskey, gal. ... ..	12 0	10 0	7 0	10 0	7 0	12 0
Cordials, gal. ... ..	12 0	10 0	10 0	10 0	10 0	12 0
Perfumed spirits, gal. ... ..	12 0	10 0	7 0	10 0	7 0	—
Other spirits, gal. ... ..	12 0	10 0	7 0	10 0	7 0	12 0
Opium—						
Refined, lb. ... ..	—	20 0	10 0	—	10 0	—
Raw, lb. ... ..	—	10 0	10 0	—	10 0	—
Tobacco—						
Manufactured, lb. ... ..	2 6	2 0	2 0	1 6	2 0	1 9
Unmanufactured, lb. ... ..	2 6	1 0	1 0	1 6	—	1 0
Sheepwash, lb. ... ..	—	0 3	—	0 3	—	—
Cigars, lb. ... ..	4 6	5 0	3 0	4 0	3 0	2 6
Snuff, lb. ... ..	4 6	2 0	2 0	4 0	2 0	2 6
Rice, cwt. ... ..	—	2 0	—	—	—	—
Dried fruits, cwt. ... ..	†5 0	10 0	—	10 0	—	—
Molasses and treacle, cwt. ... ..	9 4	3 0	3 4	2 0	3 4	3 0
Tea, lb. ... ..	0 6	0 6	0 3	0 3	0 3	0 2
Coffee, lb. ... ..	0 3	0 2	0 2	0 1	0 2	4 0†
Malt, bushel ... ..	—	0 6	—	—	—	—
Hops, lb. ... ..	—	0 2	—	—	—	—
Sugar, cwt. ... ..	9 4	6 0	5 0	3 0	5 0	3 0
Refined and candied, cwt. ... ..	9 4	—	6 8	—	6 8	4 0
Unrefined, cwt. ... ..	9 4	—	5 0	—	5 0	3 0
Wine—						
In wood, gal. ... ..	4 0	3 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0
In reputed quarts, doz. ... ..	10 0	6 0	4 0	6 0	4 0	4 0
In reputed pints, doz. ... ..	5 0	3 0	2 0	3 0	2 0	2 0
Beer—						
In wood, gal. ... ..	0 9	0 6	0 1	0 6	0 1	4 0
In bottle, gal. ... ..	1 6	0 6	0 1	0 6	0 1	4 0
In reputed quarts, doz. ... ..	3 0	1 0	0 2	1 0	0 2	8 0
In reputed pints, doz. ... ..	1 6	0 6	0 1	0 6	0 1	4 0
Cider—						
In wood, gal. ... ..	0 9	0 6	0 3	0 6	—	4 0
In bottle, gal. ... ..	1 6	0 6	0 3	0 6	—	4 0
In reputed quarts, doz. ... ..	3 0	1 0	0 6	1 0	—	8 0
In reputed pints, doz. ... ..	1 6	0 6	0 3	0 6	—	4 0
Nuts and almonds, cwt. ... ..	—	—	—	10 0	—	—
Gold (export) oz. ... ..	2 6	1 6	1 6	—	—	—
Cocoa and chocolate, lb. ... ..	0 3	—	—	0 1	—	—
Posts and rails, 100 ... ..	—	—	—	0 6	—	—
Pailings, 100 ... ..	—	—	—	0 2	—	—
Shingles, 100 ... ..	—	—	—	2 0	—	—
Oars, 100 feet ... ..	—	—	—	2 6	—	—
Sawn timber, 40 cubic feet ... ..	—	—	—	2 6	—	—
Deals, 40 cubic feet ... ..	—	—	—	2 6	—	—

\* A duty of seven per cent. invoice value is levied in Western Australia upon all goods not charged with a specified duty.

† Per cwt.

‡ Per cubic foot.