

PASSENGERS—*continued.*

2. Sleeping-berths may be reserved on the day or in advance of the day on which the passenger desires to travel, at any station where there is an officer in charge, the City Booking-offices at Courtenay Place (Wellington), or Christchurch, or duly authorized booking agencies. The Department reserves the right to cancel trains and alter train time-tables without notice, and reservations of sleeping-berths will be made subject to such cancellation or alteration.

3. Passengers joining any of the trains to which sleeping-cars are attached, and who desire to reserve sleeping-berths at a station other than the original starting-station of the train, should make application to a Stationmaster not less than two hours and a half before the time-table time of departure of the train from the original starting-station, and deposit the proper amount chargeable for the berths.

4. Passengers who have not reserved berths may obtain berthing on application to guard of train after train has left starting-station, provided there are berths available.

5. Sleeping-berth tickets will be issued only to passengers by the Auckland-Wellington and New Plymouth-Taumarunui express trains and Christchurch-Dunedin night express trains who hold first-class tickets.

6. The charge per berth will be as follows :—		s.	d.
In "special" sleeping-cars	22	0
In combined day-sleeping cars—			
Berths Nos. 7 and 8	24	9
Other berths	22	0
In ordinary sleeping-cars	16	6

Except as provided hereunder, not more than one person will be allowed to occupy any one berth.

7. Charges for children occupying sleeping-berths will be as follows :—

- (a) No charge in addition to the full sleeping-berth fee paid by a parent or guardian in respect of himself or herself will be made for one child not exceeding 12 years of age occupying a sleeping-berth with such parent or guardian.
- (b) Two children, neither of whom exceeds 12 years of age, who occupy one berth together will be charged the full ordinary rate for an adult occupying a berth—*i.e.*, equivalent to half ordinary rate will be charged for each child.
- (c) When one child occupies a berth exclusively, full adult rate will be charged, irrespective of the age of the child.
- (d) Children over 12 years of age will be charged full adult rate in all cases, whether occupying a separate berth or not.

8. Passengers who hold sleeping-berth tickets must claim their berths not later than fifteen minutes after the departure of the train from the terminal or intermediate station at which they are booked to join such train.

9. When a passenger books a sleeping-berth the station from which the berth is required must be specified, and in any case where the passenger is unable to join the train at such station, but intends to join the train at another station, notice of the fact must be given by such passenger to the station at which he was by the booking to join the train, and such notice must be given before the arrival of the train at such last-mentioned station.

10. The Department reserves to itself the right to re-allot a sleeping-berth which has been reserved and has not been claimed by the passenger within fifteen minutes after the departure of the train from the station for which the berth was reserved, or in any case in which the notice specified in the last preceding paragraph is not given.

11. Sleeping-berth tickets are not transferable, and are not available for break of journey.

12. Sleeping-carriages will, as far as possible, be reserved for the use of passengers holding sleeping-berth tickets. The Department reserves to itself the right to require passengers holding sleeping-berth tickets to ride in the sleeping-carriages throughout the journey. The Department also reserves to itself the right to accommodate any passengers not holding sleeping-berth tickets in the sleeping-carriages until it is necessary to make up berths for the night, when passengers who have not been allotted sleeping-accommodation must remove to another part of the train.

13. The Department will as far as possible adhere to its original allotment of sleeping-berths, but reserves the right to change the allotment of sleeping-berths in order to distribute the available berths to the best advantage or for any other reason considered by the Department to be sufficient. The Department does not undertake to provide sleeping-accommodation.

14. Passengers who desire to cancel sleeping-berths previously paid for may be permitted to do so, and, provided no loss is occasioned to the Department by such cancellation, will be granted a refund of the sleeping-berth fee less the prescribed deduction.