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6. The Department will not receive live poultry for carriage except in properly constructed coops, cases, or crates of a suitable size.

7. Notices for the supply of trucks given by persons intending to consign goods or live-stock will be accepted for fulfilment conditionally only upon its being found convenient to the Department to supply the trucks upon the due date. The Department will not be responsible for any loss or damage arising through failure from any cause to have trucks available by any particular date or train.

8. The Railway Department is not responsible for coach, steamer, or other services, and is not answerable for their fulfilment unless such services are managed and controlled by the Department.

9. The Department will not be responsible for the delivery of goods by any particular train or at any particular time.

10. Except where inconsistent with the context or otherwise specially provided, the following days shall be public holidays, namely:—

- (a) New Year's Day.
 Good Friday.
 Anzac Day.
 Sovereign's Birthday.
 Labour Day.
 Christmas Day.
 The day after Christmas Day.
 (As to each provincial district) the day recognized in such district as Anniversary Day.
- (b) Any day declared by the General Manager to be a public holiday and publicly notified as such.

126. Cranes and Loading-banks used for other than Rail-borne Goods.

(1) The following charges will be made for the use of the Department's loading-banks and cranes when used for handling goods or live-stock other than those which have been received, or are to be despatched, by rail:—

	s.	d.	
For use of loading-banks—			
Merchandise ..	2	9	per ton. Minimum charge, 1s. 5d.
Horses ..	5	6	each.
Cattle ..	0	10	each.
Calves, pigs, sheep, and goats ..	0	3½	each.
For use of cranes—			
All classes of goods ..	5	6	per ton. Minimum charge, 2s. 9d. Cost of labour and/or supervision additional.

127. Charges on Ships' Goods.

1. Ships' goods will be charged according to ships' bill of lading, or by weight or measurement, at the option of the Department. The charges shall not be computed on more than twice the actual weight of any consignment: Provided that in no case shall the charges be less than when computed on half the measurement.

2. The term, "ships' goods," for the purposes of this regulation, means and includes goods received direct from ships on to the railway, and, except where otherwise provided, refers to goods of Classes C and D only.

3. The following are Port Lines: Breakwater - New Plymouth, Lyttelton-Christchurch, Port Chalmers - Dunedin, Bluff-Invercargill.

4. In computing the railage charges on goods ex ship each bill of lading shown on the manifest is to be treated as covering a separate consignment. In the event of there being more than one entry on the manifest for the same consignee such entries shall not be grouped but the charges shall be computed separately.

128. Quotation of Rates and Freight Charges.

1. The Department will not be responsible for quotations of rates, or conditions of carriage, or particulars of freight charges given verbally or by telephone unless confirmed in writing.

2. Quotations of rates or of the conditions of carriage, either verbal or by telephone, or in writing, shall not be binding upon the Department beyond the currency of the regulation under which such quotations are given.

129. Exhibits forwarded to and from the New Zealand Centennial Exhibition, 1939.

1. Goods forwarded from stations in the North Island for the sole purpose of being exhibited at the New Zealand Centennial Exhibition, Wellington, may, at the option and convenience of the Department, be conveyed by rail to Wellington free of charge. The benefit of free railage will be extended to South Island exhibitors in cases where the goods are forwarded per medium of the Department's system of through booking by railway and sea.

2. Goods conveyed by railway free of charge under the provisions of this regulation, and duly exhibited, may, at the option and convenience of the Department, be conveyed back to the exhibitor at the original forwarding station railage free provided that a certificate in the following form is tendered with the consignment-note for the return journey:—