

LUGGAGE, PARCELS, ETC.—*continued.*

(b) For milk or cream consigned to butter-, cheese-, or milk-condensing factories and to or from creameries:—

For distances of not more than fifteen miles	..	½d. per gallon.
For distances over fifteen miles, but not more than thirty miles	..	¾d. „
For each additional thirty miles or fraction thereof	..	¼d. „

(c) The foregoing charges are subject to an increase of one-fifth, with a minimum increase of 3d. in each case.

(d) The minimum railage charge for each consignment under this regulation will be 9d.

2. Milk and cream will be carried at these rates only at owner's sole risk and the Department may require all loading or unloading to be performed by the consignor or consignee. For all loading or unloading performed by the Department 4d. per can will be charged in addition to the railage charge for conveyance.

3. The charges will in each case be computed on the capacity of the can and each can must be legibly marked with the capacity thereof (in gallons), and the name of the owner, and the station from which he consigns the can.

4. Empty milk or cream cans being returned from the original consignee and receiving station to the original consignor and forwarding station will be conveyed free: Provided that the Department reserves the right to refuse such free conveyance in the case of any dairy or milk-condensing factory or creamery which utilizes means other than the railway for the carriage of the output of such factory or creamery, when the railway is available for the transport of such output.

5. Where free conveyance is granted, the empty returned cans will be carried at the sole risk of the owners, who must perform all loading and unloading. In such cases as the Department may direct that free conveyance is not to be granted on empty returned cans, the following charges will be made for the conveyance of such cans at owners' risk, owners to load and unload:—

Distance.	Charge.
Not exceeding thirty miles	.. 3d. per can.
Exceeding thirty miles, but not exceeding fifty miles	.. 4d. „
For any distance in excess of fifty miles	.. 5d. „

The railage charges on empty return cans must be prepaid.

6. Test-boxes containing samples of milk or cream sent to central offices for testing-purposes will be conveyed at the rate specified in paragraph 1, subparagraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this regulation. When returning empty they will be conveyed free, but at the sole risk of the owners, who must do all loading and unloading.

7. Where milk is sent by rail to factories or creameries, and the consignors of the milk have their skim-milk returned to them, such skim-milk will be carried under the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 5 of this regulation.

8. Humanized milk will be charged the rates in paragraph 1, subparagraphs (a), (c), and (d) of this regulation and carried under the same conditions as milk.

9. Preserved milk, New Zealand manufacture, in cans will be carried under the same conditions and charged at the same rates as milk, paragraph 1, subparagraphs (a), (c), and (d) of this regulation, but the returned empty cans will be charged for under Regulation 88.

59. Library Exchanges.

1. Books for exchange forwarded to and from subscribers to recognized circulating libraries from and to such libraries will be carried at one-quarter parcels rates, with a minimum charge of 5d., under the following conditions, viz.:—

- The sender's name must be legibly inscribed on each parcel.
- Each parcel must be open at both ends.
- Each parcel must be declared on the consignment-note to contain books for exchange only.

2. The provisions of paragraph 1 of this regulation will also be applicable to such other cases as may be authorized by the General Manager. In such cases where the literature is not for exchange the provisions of subparagraph (c) of paragraph 1 of this regulation will not be effective, but in every case the consignor should endorse on the consignment-note that the parcel contains books, magazines, or papers only.

3. The terminal charge specified in paragraph 3 of Regulation 55 will not apply to parcels forwarded under this regulation. Consignees must take delivery at destination station.

60. Homing-pigeons.

1. Homing-pigeons sent to a station to be liberated for a race or for training will be conveyed by trains other than express, mail, or passenger trains at half parcel rates computed on the gross weight of each consignment (minimum charge 7d. per consignment) on production of a certificate from the secretary of the club to which the owners belong in the following form:—

I hereby certify that the pigeons to the number of _____ consigned from _____ to _____ on _____ are the property of members of _____ Club, and are being forwarded to _____ for the purpose of competing in a race [or for training].

2. Homing-pigeons conveyed by express, mail, or passenger trains will be charged ordinary parcel rates.

3. Homing-pigeons conveyed under the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this regulation will not be delivered by the Department and the terminal charge as provided in paragraph 3, Regulation 55, will not be enforced.

4. The empty hampers or boxes will be returned free to the sending station.