

LUGGAGE, PARCELS, ETC.—*continued.*

- (b) The charges for conveyance of such packages will be computed at the rate of 3s. 4d. per hundredweight on the gross weight forwarded by the same consignor in each week irrespective of the station or stations from which the newspapers are railed or the distance the packages are carried. Minimum quantity from each newspaper proprietor per week, 10 cwt.
- (c) The charge for the conveyance of packages of periodicals (published at intervals not exceeding one month) will be computed at the rate of 3s. 4d. per hundredweight on the gross weight forwarded by the same consignor in each four weeks, irrespective of the station or stations from which the consignments are railed or the distance the packages are carried. Minimum quantity of periodicals from each consignor per four weeks, 4 tons.

3. For the purposes of this regulation, newspaper-proprietors will be deemed to mean and include persons or firms engaged in the printing and publishing of newspapers and periodicals as defined in paragraph 1.

4. Letters for newspaper-proprietors containing *bona fide* press matter for publication, when so endorsed, will be conveyed, irrespective of distance, at the uniform charge of 2d. per letter.

65. Coin, Bullion, &c.

1. Packages containing bank-notes, bills of exchange, bullion, gold, silver, and copper coin, gold and silver plate, jewellery, platinum, stamps, and valuable documents are hereby declared to be special goods. They will be accepted for conveyance only in accordance with the provisions of this regulation.

(a) When accompanied by a passenger,—

- (i) The passenger must pay the ordinary fare and hold a ticket :
 (ii) All risk and responsibility for the safety of the goods shall be taken by the person travelling with them.

(b) When unaccompanied by a passenger,—

(i) With the exception of copper coin, such goods will not be accepted for conveyance at owner's risk unless under special agreement with the Department. Double the ordinary parcels rates (Regulation 55) will be charged thereon, and the goods must be consigned at the risk of the Department and insured to the full value thereof, and the appropriate charges paid.

(ii) Packages containing copper coin may be accepted for conveyance at owner's risk. They will be charged ordinary parcels rates.

(iii) In any case where the consignor requires, and in every case where it is required by this regulation, that the goods shall be carried at the risk of the Department the consignor shall endorse the consignment-note with the words "at railway risk," and shall obtain a receipt in accordance with paragraph 1 of Regulation 110. The charges will be increased by one-sixth, but, unless the goods are insured in accordance with the next succeeding subparagraph, the liability of the Department will be limited to £10 for each package or the contents thereof.

(iv) Packages of copper coin which are carried at the risk of the Department and all packages consigned under subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) of this regulation shall be insured in the manner provided in Regulation 110, and, in particular, the following provisions shall apply :—

If the Department so requires each package shall be opened by and at the expense of the consignor for inspection by an officer of the Department, and shall afterwards be securely closed by the consignor in the presence of such officer.

The charge as provided in Regulation 110 on declared value to be paid for insurance shall be in addition to charges at ordinary parcels rates or double the ordinary parcels rates (as the case may be) for conveyance, increased for railway risk as provided in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph.

66. Cash on Delivery ("C.O.D.") Parcels Traffic.

1. Subject to the following conditions, the Department undertakes to collect from the consignee the price or value of any parcel or parcels, as specified by the consignor, but not exceeding the sum of £50 in respect of any one consignment. Parcels consigned under the provisions of this regulation are hereinafter referred to as "C.O.D." parcels.

2. "C.O.D." parcels will be conveyed between any two officered stations (including stations between which the system of through booking between separate sections of railway is in operation) in this regulation referred to as "the forwarding station" and "the destination station" respectively.

3. The consignor must hand the parcel or parcels (legibly marked with the name and full address of the consignee) to the receiving officer at the forwarding station, together with the Department's form of consignment-note properly filled in, showing on its face, in addition to the usual particulars, the sum which the consignee shall pay to the Department before he shall be entitled to obtain delivery of the consignment. The consignor must also at the same time furnish to the receiving officer a statement of accounts in duplicate showing—

(a) The name, occupation, and address of the consignee.

(b) A general description of the goods comprised in the consignment, and the price to be paid therefor.