

LUGGAGE, PARCELS, ETC.—*continued.*

4. The railage and other charges must be paid either by the consignor or the consignee.

5. The consignee of any "C.O.D." parcel will be entitled to obtain delivery thereof only on payment of the price as stipulated by the consignor as endorsed on consignment-note, together with the proper railage and other charges (if any) payable thereon. Delivery will be given at the destination-station premises, except at places where the Department delivers parcels at the consignee's address under a delivery system. Under no circumstances will the consignee be permitted to examine any parcel or parcels before paying to the Department the value of same as specified by the consignor.

6. Commission on the sum collected from the consignee will be charged at the rate of 4d. on each £1 or fraction thereof; minimum charge, 7d.

The amount of such commission will be deducted from the sum so collected, and the Stationmaster at the forwarding station or other officer of the Department will, after payment has been made by the consignee, pay over the balance to the consignor.

7. "C.O.D." parcels not taken delivery of by the consignee within one month (or such less period as may have been specified by the consignor) from the date of their arrival at the destination station will be returned to the forwarding station for redelivery to the consignor, who shall pay to the Department 1s 2d. in respect of each consignment in addition to the proper railway charges. "C.O.D." parcels will be allowed free storage for seven days after arrival at destination station. After the expiration of that period 4d. per week or part of a week may be charged on each parcel.

8. Except as herein provided, any by-laws and regulations made under the Government Railways Act, 1926, and the conditions printed on the consignment-note will apply to the carriage of "C.O.D." parcels.