

PASSENGERS

17. News Agents' Season Tickets

Conditions.—1. Season tickets at half the rates for season tickets (Regulation 14) or annual season tickets (Regulation 18) will be issued to news agents upon the production of a certificate from the proprietor or manager of a newspaper certifying that the ticket is to be used only for the purpose of selling newspapers or reading-matter on the trains by a *bona fide* news agent wholly engaged on the staff of such newspaper and not following any other profession or occupation.

2. News agents are not allowed to sell newspapers, periodicals, or books on the station-platforms, on in trains whilst standing at bookstall stations.

3. The Department reserves the right to decline any application for a news agent's ticket.

4. News agents shall conduct their business in an orderly and courteous manner, and shall not keep or expose for sale, or have in any portion of a railway-train or elsewhere on the railway, any newspapers, pictures, prints, literature, or publications whatever of an immoral, indecent, lewd, vicious, obscene, or doubtful character or nature. Should any question arise as to the nature of any newspaper, picture, print, literature, or publication, the matter shall be submitted to the General Manager, whose decision shall be final and binding on the news agent. News agents shall not offer for sale any newspaper, picture, print, literature, or publication that the General Manager forbids.

5. In the event of any breach of the regulations or the by-laws the Department may withdraw the right of any news agent to sell newspapers and other literature on any train, and may order the forfeiture of such news agent's railway-ticket.

6. **Free Allowance.**—The maximum weight of books, periodicals, and newspapers which news agents issued with tickets at half the season ticket rate are allowed to carry free is 56 lb.

News agents who pay full season-ticket rates are allowed to carry free of charge 1 cwt. of newspapers, books, and periodicals.

The free allowance includes newspapers for sale to passengers on trains, for delivery to subscribers along the line, and parcels for agents at wayside stations.

7. **Excess Weight.**—Where the weight of books, periodicals, and papers carried by a news agent exceeds the allowance referred to above, the excess weight will be charged for at the newspaper rate (*vide* Regulation 62), freight stamps being purchased and affixed to the parcels in excess of such weight.

18. Annual Season Tickets

Fares.—1. Annual season tickets, first class, available for use for one year in each case, will be issued at the following fares, viz. :—

	Transferable.			Non-transferable.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Available on all lines under the control of the Department in both Islands	157	12	3	141	16	9
SECTIONAL TICKETS						
For distances not exceeding 150 miles	55	2	11	44	18	4
151 miles to 250 miles inclusive, 3s. per mile added to the charge for 150 miles.						
251 miles to 350 miles inclusive, 2s. 1d. per mile added to the charge for 250 miles.						
351 miles to 700 miles inclusive, 1s. 1d. per mile added to the charge for 350 miles.						
Over 700 miles, 7d. per mile added to the charge for 700 miles.						
Maximum charge for either Island	110	6	6	99	5	9

2. Sectional tickets may be issued covering sections of railway in both Islands, and in all such cases the charge for the actual mileage in each Island will be computed separately.

3. Where sectional tickets are made available for travel by the Lake Wakatipu steamer service they will be charged as for 25 miles additional to the railway mileage.

4. Annual season tickets available over all lines in both Islands or all lines in the South Island will be available for travel by the Lake Wakatipu steamer service.

5. **Transfer of Tickets.**—(a) Upon payment of a transfer fee of 22s. on the occasion of each transfer, and subject to the succeeding subparagraphs of this paragraph, transferable annual season tickets may be transferred, *bona fide* for business purposes, at any time during their currency.

(b) Application for transfer, which is to be accompanied by the prescribed transfer fee and the annual season ticket, may be made to any District Manager of the Railways Department, the District Managers of the Government Tourist Department at Wellington and Auckland, or to the Station-masters at Whangarei, Hamilton, Ohakune Junction, New Plymouth, Palmerston North, Napier, Greymouth, Timaru, or Oamaru.