

LUGGAGE, PARCELS, ETC.

62. Newspapers, Periodicals, and Stereotype Casts

1. Newspapers and periodicals will be conveyed at the following rates:

- (a) **Bulk consignments**—Packages of newspapers and periodicals will be charged at the rate of 7s. per cwt on the gross weight forwarded by the same consignor irrespective of the distance the packages are railed, subject to the following minimum quantities:

Newspapers	..	..	..	..	10 cwt per week
Periodicals	..	..	..	..	4 tons each four weeks

- (b) Newspapers and periodicals not complying with the respective minimum prescribed in subparagraph (a) hereof, also stereotype casts and type set up for reproduction purposes (consigned by or to newspaper proprietors) will be conveyed at the following rates, charges being computed separately for each package:

Weight					Not Exceeding		Over 150 Miles
					75 Miles	150 Miles	
					s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
7 lb	..	..	..	..	1 0	1 0	1 6
14 lb	..	..	..	..	1 6	1 6	2 0
28 lb	..	..	..	..	2 0	2 6	3 0
56 lb	..	..	..	..	3 0	3 6	4 0
84 lb	..	..	..	..	4 0	4 6	5 0
112 lb	..	..	..	..	5 0	6 0	7 0

- (c) The charges prescribed in subparagraphs (a) and (b) hereof cover transit by rail in both the North and South Islands and in the case of packages conveyed under the provisions of paragraph 1 (b) hereof will be computed on continuous mileage.

- (d) Single newspapers will be conveyed, irrespective of distance, at a uniform charge of 1d. per copy.

- (e) 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 4d. per letter.

2. **General**—For the purposes of this section, newspaper proprietors will be deemed to mean and include persons or firms engaged in the printing and publishing of newspapers or periodicals.

3. **Conditions**—(a) Charges on all packages conveyed under the provisions of this section must be prepaid.

- (b) A declaration that the packages do not contain other than the articles mentioned above must be printed or plainly written alongside the address on packages, thus: "Newspapers only", "Stereotype casts only" as the case may be.

- (c) The Department reserves the right to open and examine packages conveyed under the provisions of this section.

- (d) Novels will not be accepted for conveyance under this section.

- (e) Newspapers and periodicals to be conveyed under the provisions of paragraph 1 (a) hereof must be accompanied by a consignment note showing the number of packages for each station and the total weight of the whole consignment.

4. **Liability**—All packages conveyed under the provisions of this section will be carried at owner's risk and the Department will not be liable for damage, delay, detention or loss. No receipts will be given for the packages which must be delivered to and uplifted from the railway by the owners. Should it be desired that packages be conveyed at the risk of the Department, ordinary parcels rates will be charged.