

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 \$1.00 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:

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| Newspapers | .. | .. | .. | .. | 10 cwt per week |
| Periodicals | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 tons each 4 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 | |
| | | | \$ |
| 7 lb | c 14 | c 14 | 0.21 |
| 14 lb | 21 | 21 | 0.29 |
| 28 lb | 29 | 37 | 0.42 |
| 56 lb | 42 | 51 | 0.57 |
| 84 lb | 57 | 64 | 0.73 |
| 112 lb | 73 | 86 | 1.00 |

(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 2c 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 7c 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.

63. Coin, Bullion, etc.

1. Packages containing bank notes, bullion, gold, silver, or bronze coin, will be accepted for conveyance only in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(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.

(iii) Excess-luggage rates will be charged for any quantity of such goods and luggage in excess of 1 cwt for each adult ticket held.

(b) **When Unaccompanied by a Passenger**—

(i) Packages containing bank notes, bullion, gold, or silver will not be accepted for conveyance at owner's risk unless under special agreement with the department. Double the ordinary parcels rates (section 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 bronze coin may be accepted for conveyance at owner's risk. They will be charged ordinary parcels rates.