LUGGAGE, PARCELS, ETC.

- 2. The terminal charge as provided in section 55, paragraph 4, will not be enforced and consignments conveyed under the provisions of this section will not be delivered by the Department.
- 3. Certificate—To obtain the benefits of this section, a certificate in the following form from the secretary of the club to which the owners belong must be produced:
 - I hereby certify that the pigeons to the number of.....consigned from.....toon....are the property of members of.....Club, and are being forwarded to......for the purpose of competing in a race [or training].
- 4. Empty Boxes, etc.—The empty hampers and boxes will be returned free to the sending station.
- 5. General—Pigeons not coming within the provisions of this section will be charged at the appropriate rates for "birds", vide section 54 (parcels consignments), or at class C rates and conditions (goods consignments).

60. Dogs

This section is hereby revoked and the following new section substituted therefor:

60. Dogs

1. Charges—(a) The charges for dogs will be as follows:

Dogs, tethered (each) .. At the rate for 20 kg at parcels rates.

Dogs in hampers, crates or boxes ... On actual weight at parcels rates plus 50%.

Weight in excess of 25 kg per package will be treated as a separate consignment.

Dogs, guide (accompanying blind Free persons possessing Royal N.Z. Foundation for the Blind permits for guide dogs)

- (b) In the case of dogs unaccompanied by a passenger the terminal charge at the stations specified in section 55, paragraph 4, will be additional to the charges computed at parcels rates.
- 2. Delivery—Passengers or consignees must take delivery of dogs immediately on arrival of the train at the destination station, failing which the dogs will be held by the department at the sole risk and responsibility of the owner. A charge of \$1.00 per day or portion of a day will be made for each animal which is not taken delivery of immediately on arrival at the destination station. In addition to this charge owners will require to pay any charge that may have been incurred for food, veterinary charges, and the like.
- 3. General Conditions—Dogs must bear a label showing distinctly the name and full address of the consignee and the destination station, and, except when accompanying passengers, must be delivered to the department and consigned not less than 30 minutes before the due time of departure of the train by which they are to be forwarded.
- 4. The department reserves the right to require that any dog presented for carriage by rail shall be efficiently muzzled or confined in a cage, box, or other suitable receptacle so as to prevent such dog from biting any person. The department will not be liable for the loss of any dog if such loss arises directly or indirectly from any tendency on the part of such dog to bite any person.
- 5. Dogs not secured in hampers, crates, or boxes must be provided with efficient chains and collars, or other suitable means of tether. Dogs in hampers, crates, or boxes must be properly secured so as to prevent damage to other goods.
- 6. Passengers accompanied by dogs must obtain a dog ticket at least 15 minutes before the due time of departure of the train, excepting when the journey is commenced from a station at which there are no booking facilities, when the passenger will obtain a dog ticket from the guard of the train. The ticket must be given up at the end of the journey before the dog is delivered. Owners must see their dogs safely placed in the train.
- 7. Dogs accompanying passengers on inter-island journeys will require to be consigned through the Parcels Branch.
- 8. With the exception of guide dogs accompanying blind persons, dogs will be conveyed by express or passenger trains only when there is sufficient space or facilities in the guard's van for their accommodation.
- 9. The department will not be liable for loss when a dog, whether accompanied by a passenger or consigned, escapes through the slipping of the collar or the breakage of the chain, collar, or such other means of tether by which it is secured unless the dog is carried at railway risk as provided in section 110.
 - 10. Dogs (except guide dogs accompanying blind persons) will not be allowed in carriages.