

## GENERAL

10. **Wagon Supply**—Notices for the supply of wagons given by persons intending to consign goods or livestock will be accepted for fulfillment conditionally only upon its being found convenient to the department to supply the wagons upon the due date. The department will not be responsible for any loss or damage arising through failure from any cause to have wagons available by any particular date or train.

11. **Holidays**—Except where inconsistent with the context or otherwise specially provided, the following days shall be public holidays, namely:

(a) New Year's Day.

Good Friday.

Easter Monday.

Anzac Day.

Sovereign's Birthday.

Labour Day.

Christmas Day.

Boxing Day.

(As to each provincial district) the day recognised in such district as Anniversary Day.

(b) Any day declared by the General Manager to be a public holiday and publicly notified as such.

#### 126. Cranes and Loading Banks Used for Other Than Rail-borne Goods

1. The following charges will be made for the use of the department's loading banks and cranes when used for handling goods or livestock other than those which have been received, or are to be dispatched, by rail:

For use of loading banks—

Merchandise	... ..	...	...	\$5.30 per tonne. Minimum charge, \$3.04.
Horses	... ..	...	...	\$10.63 each.
Cattle	... ..	...	...	
Calves, pigs, sheep, and goats	... ..	...	...	\$5.30 each.

For use of cranes—

All classes of goods...	... ..	...	...	\$21.32 per tonne. Minimum charge, \$21.32. Cost of labour and/or supervision additional.
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#### 127. Charges on Ships' Goods

1. Charges on ships' goods will be computed on cubic measurement or on actual weight, whichever charge is greater, when conveyed on the port lines from Breakwater to New Plymouth, Lyttelton to Christchurch, Port Chalmers to Dunedin, or Bluff to Invercargill.

2. The term "ships' goods" for the purposes of this section means and includes goods received direct from ships on to the railway, and, except where otherwise provided, refers only to goods of Classes A, B, C, D, and G (including such goods which are subject to a percentage or other increase).

3. In computing the railage charges on goods ex ship each bill of lading shown on the manifest to be treated as covering a separate consignment. In the event of there being more than one entry on the manifest for the same consignee such entries shall not be grouped but the charges shall be computed separately.

4. Ships' goods railed from Cashin Quay berth, Lyttelton to Christchurch, will not be charged under the provisions of this section (such goods will be charged at classified rates).

#### 128. Quotation of Rates and Freight Charges

1. The department will not be responsible for quotations of rates, or conditions of carriage, or particulars of freight charges given verbally or by telephone unless confirmed in writing.

### COOK STRAIT RAIL FERRIES

#### PASSENGERS

##### 131. General

1. Applications for passenger accommodation on the Cook Strait rail ferry service between Wellington and Picton may be made at any railway station or railway road service booking office where there is an officer in charge or at duly authorised booking agencies. Bookings may be made up to the last day of the sixth month in advance of the date of application. (e.g., 1 January to 31 July).

2. Tickets which entitle the holders to travel on the Cook Strait rail ferry service will be issued at the fares specified hereinafter. All tickets issued shall be subject to the Government Railways Act 1949 and the regulations made thereunder and to the conditions herein set forth, and must be surrendered on demand at time of embarkation.

3. **Transfer of tickets**—Passengers tickets are not transferable.

4. **Alternative sailings**—Passenger tickets are available only for the sailing time, day and date for which the ticket is issued.

5. The department is not responsible for any loss, damage, or expense due to delays in transit of passengers whether arising from an act of God, civil commotion, Queen's enemies, strikes, lockouts or other labour disturbances (whether of employees of the Railways Department or other persons), fires, accidents or cancellation, suspension, or alteration of any sailing timetable.

6. Guide dogs may remain in the company of blind persons whilst travelling on the Cook Strait Rail Ferries.