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Alterations and Additions to the Rates for the Conveyance, Delivery, and Storage of Goods, Parcels, &c., on all the New Zealand Railways.

IN accordance with the By-laws for the New Zealand Railways, fixed by Order in Council, dated the 17th day of April, 1877, the following alterations and additions to the rates for the conveyance, delivery, and storage of goods, parcels, &c., on all the New Zealand Railways are hereby declared to be fixed, and shall come into force on and after the 31st October, 1877:—

WOOL.

The charge for conveyance of wool between Lawrence and Dunedin Stations to be 3s. 11d. per bale of 4 cwt.

SPECIAL RATE FOR LARGE LOTS OF SHEEP.

The charge for freight of sheep, in lots of not less than 9,000, for distances not exceeding 170 miles, to be £360. For each additional 1,000, or fraction of 1,000, a charge of £40 will be made. No charge to exceed ordinary rate charges.

Dated at Wellington, this 31st day of October, 1877.

W. J. M. LARNACH,
Minister for Public Works.

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Notification of Regulations prescribing Terms and Conditions for the use of the Mount Ida Water-race and Sludge Channel.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me by "The Public Works Act, 1876," I, the Honorable John Davies Ormond, Minister for Public Works, do hereby make the regulations hereinafter set forth, prescribing the terms and conditions upon which the water-race therein mentioned may be used, and the rates and charges to be paid for water supplied, that is to say,—

1. The Mount Ida Water-race and Sludge Channel and all the dams, races, and works of any kind in connection therewith (hereinafter included in the expression "the race"), shall be under the control of an officer, to be from time to time appointed by the Governor, to be called the "Manager." Any such Manager may be removed or dismissed from his office by the Governor.

2. The Manager shall have entire charge of the race, and shall be responsible for keeping the same in proper repair, and for maintaining the supply of water; and may, subject to these regulations, sell and supply water to miners for mining purposes, and grant permission to miners to connect tail-races with the sludge channel, and to run water and tailings into the same. The Manager, so long as he shall hold office, shall be the person to recover all rates and charges payable under these regulations, as provided in "The Public Works Act, 1876," and the Manager for the time being shall be deemed to be duly authorized by the Minister for that purpose.

3. No person shall take water from the race, or any reservoir or branch race in connection therewith, or run water or tailings into the sludge channel, or in any way interfere with any of them, without the consent of the Manager.

4. Water from the race shall be sold by measure, the unit of measurement for the purposes of these regulations being taken to be what is known as the "Hogburn-head"—that is to say, a stream of water flowing for eight hours through an aperture 16 inches wide by 1 inch high in one end of a gauge

box 6 feet long and 5 inches deep, interior measurement, with a pressure or "head" board of 4 inches in width above the discharge aperture; the box to be open at the top, and fixed level. For the purpose of measuring more than one "Hogburn-head" the box may be enlarged horizontally, or the side may be raised and the aperture enlarged perpendicularly.

5. The rate at which water shall be sold for mining purposes shall be twenty-five shillings (25s.) the "Hogburn-head" per week of six working days of eight hours each, and such price shall be payable in advance.

6. The charge for running water and tailings into the sludge channel shall be one shilling and sixpence (1s. 6d.) per "Hogburn-head" per full week of seven days, payable in advance.

7. A day and hour and place shall be appointed by the Manager for receiving the first applications for supplies of water from the race for mining purposes, and for the privilege of connecting tail-races with and running water and tailings into the sludge channel; and the same shall be notified not less than seven days previously by advertisement in some newspaper circulating in the district where the race is situate.

8. Any person desiring to obtain a supply of water from the water-race for mining purposes shall apply in writing to the Manager, stating the quantity of water required, and where to be used, and where and when required to be supplied. All such applications shall be kept by the Manager, and numbered consecutively as received.

9. If the quantity of water that any person applies for is available at the time for sale and delivery where specified, the Manager shall issue to the applicant a "water ticket" in the Form A in the Schedule hereto, setting forth the quantity of water the applicant is entitled to be allowed to purchase.

10. The applicant shall present the "water ticket" to the Receiver of Gold Revenue (hereinafter called "the Receiver"), who shall thereupon receive from him, in advance, the price of the water therein mentioned, and give him a "receipt" in the Form B in the said Schedule; and it shall be lawful for the Receiver from time to time to receive from the person named in such "water ticket" the price of the water therein mentioned, in advance, without requiring the production of a fresh "water ticket," unless or until he shall receive notice from the Manager that such person is no longer entitled to be the purchaser of such quantity of water.

11. In allotting water to applicants, the Manager shall give a preference to the earlier applicants; but in case the amount of water applied for shall at any time exceed the quantity available for sale and delivery, it shall be lawful for the Manager to allot to applicants less quantities of water than they shall have applied for, provided that in no case shall the Manager reduce the quantity for any one person or party to less than four "Hogburn-heads" without his or their consent.

12. The holder of a "receipt" shall be entitled to the quantity of water therein specified, to be delivered at such times and places (being regular points of delivery from the race) as he may indicate to the Manager, provided the same can be conveniently arranged; but shall have no absolute claim to such supply at such times or places.

13. Whenever the supply of water in the race shall be less than sufficient to supply to all the holders of "water tickets" the full quantities of water to which they are entitled, it shall be lawful for the Manager to reduce the supply to each holder of a "water ticket" in a proportionate rate, as nearly as may be; but the supply for any holder of a "water ticket" shall not be so reduced below four "Hogburn-heads" without his consent; and if, after