

CLAUSE 21 OF GENERAL CONDITIONS.

3. The "period of maintenance" shall be six (6) calendar months from and after the date when the Engineer-in-Chief shall have certified that all the works to be executed under the contract have been fully completed to his satisfaction.

CLAUSE 25 OF GENERAL CONDITIONS.

4. The cheque to be deposited with the tender shall be drawn in favour of the Receiver-General's Deposit Account (and not to bearer or order) at the Bank of New Zealand, and shall be for two hundred and fifty pounds (£250) sterling.

CLAUSE 26 OF GENERAL CONDITIONS.

5. The sum for which a bond shall be executed shall be two thousand pounds (£2,000) sterling.

SPECIFICATION OF WORKS TO BE EXECUTED UNDER THE TAPANUI BRANCH RAILWAY CONTRACT.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

1. The works included under the title "Tapanui Branch Railway Contract," and to which this Specification applies, begin at a point on the Waitaki-Invercargill Railway, 2 chains north of Waipahi Station, and end at a point in Section 4, Block IV., Town of Kelso, County of Tuapeka, as delineated on the accompanying plans and sections. The total length of the contract is 15 miles 45 chains, or thereabouts.

EXTENT OF CONTRACT.

2. The Contract shall include the supply of all labour, plant, materials, implements, and tools required for the construction of all fences, excavations, embankments, tunnel, retaining walls, pitching slopes, ditches, road alterations, level crossings, bridges, culverts, drains, supply of permanent way materials, ballasting and plate-laying on the main line and sidings, the laying of points and crossings, the erection of passenger stations, engine shed, goods sheds, loading platforms, coal store, privies and urinals, tanks, and well; together with all other works necessary for the completion of the railway as specified or implied herein, and in accordance with the plans, sections, and drawings, as set forth in List A, and with the general conditions annexed, and the maintenance of the same for six months after the date fixed for the completion of the works.

INTERPRETATION CLAUSE.

3. The word "Engineer" means the Resident Engineer when he is present on the works; and when he is absent, it means, subject to the conditions of clause 24 of the General Conditions, the Assistant Engineer or Overseer.

LINE.

4. The pegs on the ground mark out the centre line of railway as shown on the plans, and along which the longitudinal section was taken; but the Contractor is required, before commencing the works, to satisfy himself that the line so laid out is in conformity with that delineated on the plans, and he shall be bound to construct it in accordance with the said delineations and markings.

ALIGNMENT OF STRUCTURES.

5. In the construction of the bridges, culverts, road crossings, cattle-stops, and generally, it is stipulated that all structures are to intersect the line of railway at such angle or curve as may be necessary and approved in each case, although they may be shown on the drawings straight and at right angles.

CLEARING.

6. All flax, scrub, and rushes growing on the line of railway shall be cleared off to its full width—between the fences—and burned; no material of this kind will be allowed in the embankments.

FENCING.

7. The Contractor shall provide for 25 miles of single fencing to be erected along the line where directed. The description of fencing used shall be or either class 2 or 3, as shown and described on drawing attached, according to the discretion of the Engineer. The timber in the posts shall be totara, matai, kowhai, or cedar; and in the rails totara, matai, cedar, manuka, or other approved timber. At all crossings of roads and other places where gates or cattle-stops are used the fences are to be completed up to the gate-posts or the cattle-stops, and then properly secured. Existing fences crossed and cut down shall be connected with the railway fences, and left in a proper and thorough state of repair, and cattle and sheep proof.