

Distance.	Ordinary Trains.			Fast Trains.		
	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.
	Kr.	Kr.	Kr.	Kr.	Kr.	Kr.
To first station	30	15	10	...	...	...
To second station	40	22	15	...	...	...
1st zone, up to 15½ miles	50	40	25	60	50	30
2nd zone, 16 to 25 miles	100	80	50	120	100	60
3rd zone, 26 to 34 miles	150	120	75	180	150	90
4th zone, 34 to 43½ miles	200	160	100	240	200	120
5th zone, 44 to 53 miles	250	200	125	300	250	150
6th zone, 54 to 62 miles	300	240	150	360	300	180
7th zone, 63 to 71 miles	350	280	175	420	350	210
8th zone, 72 to 81 miles	400	320	200	480	400	240
9th zone, 82 to 90 miles	450	360	225	540	450	270
10th zone, 91 to 100 miles	500	400	250	590	500	300
11th zone, 101 to 109 miles	550	440	275	650	550	330
12th zone, 110 to 124 miles	600	480	300	710	600	360
13th zone, 125 to 140 miles	700	530	350	840	650	420
14th zone, 141 and more miles	800	580	400	960	700	480

The par value of the kreutzer is 0·48 cent.

These rates are a very great reduction from the former regular rates. A Hungarian newspaper gives the old rates from Buda-Pesth to the following points as under:—

Buda-Pesth to—	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.
Kaschau	16·40	...	8·20
Grosswardein	14·90	...	7·40
Klausenburg	24·10	...	12·00
Kronstadt	42·10	...	19·20
Arad	15·40	...	7·70
Semlin	19·90	...	9·10
Agram	22·70	...	11·40
Fiume	37·10	...	18·60

All of which are now superseded by the 14th-zone rates of 8.00, 5.00, and 4.00 gulden. Kronstadt is in the extreme eastern part of the kingdom, close to the Roumanian border, and this is the longest journey, doubtless, that can be made under the new tariff. The old fare to this place was about five times as great as the present one. To Vienna the new rates from Buda-Pesth are 9.0, 6·80, and 4·50 gulden, against 10·50, 7·50, and 5·50. The route for about one-sixth of the distance is in Austria.

Among shorter distances than those of the 14th zone the reductions are considerable. Thus, for a route 55 miles long the fares go down from 5·30, 3·70, and 2·70, to 3·0, 2·40, and 1·50 gulden, and for 95 miles from 9·30, 6·50, and 4·60, to 5·60, 4·00, and 3·50 gulden. The old rates were about 4½ cents per mile first-class, and 2¼ third; for this particular shorter distance they are now about 2½ cents first-class, one-fifth less second class, and one-half less fourth-class. Thus, aside from the novelties of the tariff, there is a great reduction, and the tariff as a whole is probably one of the lowest in the world. If there was much long-distance travel it would be decidedly the lowest.

With the introduction of the new tariff all of the old reduced-rate tariffs, such as round-trip, mileage, and commutation tickets, are abolished, with the single exception that “next station” and “second station” tickets are sold from Buda-Pesth in books of thirty and fifty at a reduction of 5 and 10 per cent., and a reduction of 50 per cent. will continue to be granted on the fares of parties of agricultural and other labourers travelling in search of work.

The traffic manager of the Hungarian State Railroad wrote on 27th August to a German railroad journal, which had criticised the new “zone” passenger tariff, that the result down to that time had been favourable beyond expectation. Exact figures were not then attainable, but it was evident that the traffic had about doubled compared with last year, and that about half of the increase was due to the “vicinity” tickets (tickets to the first and second stations). Even the gross passenger-earnings were decidedly larger than the year before, and whatever falling-off there might be later, it was evident to him that the serious financial loss that some had prophesied would not be realised.

It was to be expected that the travel at first would be unusually active, as those who had journeys to make would postpone them, if possible, until the new tariff (announced long beforehand) should take effect. The reports of travel for a longer period are therefore looked for with great interest.—*Railway Press*.

NOTE.—The kreutzer has a value of nearly one farthing; 100 kreutzer=1 florin or gulden—1s. 11½d.

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