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THE WAITAKI RAILWAY BRIDGE

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BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS UNDER WHICH THE WAITAKI RAILWAY-BRIDGE MAY BE USED FOR ORDINARY TRAFFIC (IN SUBSTITUTION OF REGULATIONS PREVIOUSLY ISSUED).

THE New Zealand Railway Commissioners, in exercise and pursuance of the powers conferred by "The Public Works Act, 1882," and "The Government Railways Act, 1887," do hereby make the following by-laws for regulating the traffic on and over the Waitaki Bridge, which said bridge forms part of the Hurunui and Bluff Railway, and is used both for ordinary and railway traffic; and, in further pursuance and exercise of the said powers, do revoke all by-laws and regulations in force at the date hereof authorising or regulating traffic on and over the said bridge.

SCHEDULE.

1. HORSES not driven in harness or led by bridle or halter, and cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, mules, and donkeys, must have a man behind them; and cattle, sheep, and horses in mobs must also have a man before them.

2. Horses or light-wheeled vehicles will not be allowed to enter upon the bridge within fifteen minutes, drays within thirty minutes, and cattle and sheep or pigs within one hour, of the time that any train is due on the bridge.

3. Horsemen or wheeled vehicles shall not travel faster than six miles an hour.

4. Traction-engines are not allowed to cross the bridge unless loaded on railway wagons.

5. No portable engine, combine, elevator, reaper and binder, or such travelling or portable machine which exceeds 11ft. in width (all of which are hereinafter included in the term "machine"), shall be taken over the bridge except on the following conditions:—

(a.) The owner or person in charge thereof shall obtain from the Railway Stationmaster at Waitaki North a permit authorising the passage of the machine over the bridge, accompanied by the bridge-keeper.

(b.) Before such permit is issued, the person applying for the same shall state correctly the description, weight, number of wheels, breadth of tires, and width of the machine, together with the name and address of the owner thereof, which particulars shall be entered in the permit.

(c.) The permit shall be given to the bridge-keeper, and the machine shall not be allowed to enter upon the bridge if the description in the permit does not agree with the machine, nor unless accompanied by the bridge-keeper.

(d.) Every precaution shall be taken against fire or other damage to the bridge or railway, as required by the bridge-keeper; and speed shall be a uniform rate not exceeding two miles per hour.

(e.) The owner of any machine shall be liable to the Railway Commissioners for any damage done to the bridge or railway during its transit.

6. No greater load than $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons gross per wheel with tires less than 5in. broad shall be taken over the bridge; and no load over 2 tons per wheel shall pass over except under the regulations for machines; and loads greater than $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons per wheel are entirely prohibited from crossing over the bridge.

7. Any authorised officer of the Railway Department may, at his discretion, relax any of the restrictions in clause 2, as the case may require.