

1893.
NEW ZEALAND.

INCREASES IN RATES AND CHARGES MADE BY THE RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS.

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated 13th July, 1893.

Ordered, "That a return be laid before the House showing the increase in rates and charges made by the Railway Commissioners since they were appointed, and the sections on which such increases were made, with explanations regarding the operation of the same."—(Mr. EARNSHAW.)

INCREASES IN THE RATES AND CHARGES ON THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS MADE SINCE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS.

GENERAL.

Item.	Nature of Increase.	Example.
<i>Passengers.</i>		
Special-train rates ..	A clause was introduced in the regulation providing a higher charge for special trains run with large parties.	
<i>Parcels, &c.</i>		
Newspapers ..	Previously carried free; now charged for	Previously free; now carried at graduated scale from $\frac{3}{4}$ d. for a single newspaper, any distance, to 2s. for 112lb., any distance.
Dress - stands, basket-chairs, &c.	Previously carried at single rate; now, rate and a quarter	Previously, 56lb., 100 miles, 2s. 6d.; now, 56lb., 100 miles, 3s. 2d. Increased on account of bulk.
<i>Goods.</i>		
Corn-brooms (imported)	Increased from Class A to double rate, Class A	Previously, 100 miles, per ton, 49s. 4d.; now, 100 miles, per ton, 98s. 8d. Increased on account of bulk.
Corn-brooms (colonial)	Increased from Class A to rate and a half, Class A	Previously, 100 miles, per ton, 49s. 4d.; now, 100 miles, per ton, 74s. Increased on account of bulk.
Furniture, skeleton ..	Increased from rate and a quarter, Class A, to double rate, Class A	Previously, 100 miles, per ton, 61s. 8d.; now, 100 miles, per ton, 98s. 8d. Increased on account of bulk.

LOCAL.

Section.	Item.	Nature of Increase.	Example.
<i>Passengers.</i>			
Hurunui-Bluff	Suburban fares between Invercargill and stations not exceeding 10 miles distant therefrom	When the daily issue of return-tickets was inaugurated the Invercargill sub-urban fares were abolished. The fares now in force are slightly higher than those previously in force, with extended facilities for return journeys	
<i>Goods.</i>			
Auckland ..	Wool—Cambridge to Auckland	Local rate cancelled; general rate reverted to	Previously, 7s. per bale; now, 7s. 5d. per bale.
Napier ..	Round logs to Waipukurau, Spit, and Napier	The local rate cancelled, reverting to the charges for similar traffic in other parts of the colony.	
Hurunui-Bluff	Thrashing - machines, reapers-and-binders, winnowing-machines, bulky machinery, carriage and gig-bodies, and furniture carried between Dunedin and Invercargill	Increased from 25s. 6d. to 30s. per ton	Increased on account of bulk.
"	Wool—Waimea	Local rate cancelled; general rate adopted	Previously, 50 miles, per bale, 4s. 2d.; now, 50 miles, per bale, 4s. 8d.
"	Haulage charge for timber between Oamaru and break-water	Local rate cancelled; general rate adopted	Previously, $3\frac{1}{4}$ d. per 100ft.; now, 4d. per 100ft.