

RETURN No. 32.

STATEMENT of ALTERATIONS effected in and ADDITIONS made to the SCALE OF CHARGES during the Year ending the 31st March, 1899.

PART I.—PASSENGERS.

GENERAL FARES AND REGULATIONS.

Religious bodies : Fares and regulation inserted.

Technical schools' season and commutation tickets: Regulation amended to provide for tickets being issued to students attending technical and music schools registered with the Minister of Education only. Distance for which technical schools' season tickets available extended to sixty miles.

Rifle-clubs, athletic teams, and pleasure parties: Second-class single tickets made available for return up to day after issue.

School parties, factories, and friendly societies: Regulation amended. Each school limited to one excursion per annum at the day rates. School Committees to give guarantee to pay ordinary rates for all adult tickets sold in excess of limits provided by regulation.

School season tickets: Regulation amended. Tickets made available for sixty miles.

LOCAL FARES AND REGULATIONS.

Auckland Section.

Fares between Remuera and Newmarket reduced.

Fares for round-trip tickets, Auckland to Auckland *via* Te Aroha and Paeroa and coach to Thames, abolished.

Fares for round-trip tickets, Auckland to Auckland, by rail to Thames, thence by steamer, and *vice versa*, inserted. Second-class fare reduced.

Excursion fares between Auckland, Newmarket, Remuera, Ellerslie, Penrose, Onehunga, and Otahuhu and Thames, Komata, and intermediate stations inserted.

Maximum fares Auckland and Newmarket to or from Parawai, Thames, and intermediate stations inserted.

Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth Section.

Workmen's commutation twelve-trip tickets between Lower Hutt, Wellington, and Te Aro made available for use by additional trains.

Westport Section.

Commutation season tickets: Rates and regulations for tickets between Westport and Waimangaroa branch line inserted.

Hurunui-Bluff Section.

Hanmer Hot Springs: Regulation amended. Tickets issued daily from Dunedin and Invercargill.

PART II.—LUGGAGE, PARCELS, HORSES, ETC.

Left luggage: Regulation amended; rate for storage reduced.

Horses, Shetland and polo ponies, foals, mules, asses, and hounds in truck-loads: Rates and regulation amended.

Stud pigs not exceeding £3 in value: Rates reduced.

Bicycles, tricycles, and velocipedes accompanying passengers: Regulations amended.

Cut flowers: Regulation inserted; rates reduced.

Kapok in parcels to half-parcels, mattresses, or other packages to be charged rate and a quarter parcels.

Horses, Shetland and polo ponies, foals, mules, and asses: Regulation amended.

PART II.—LOCAL RATES AND REGULATIONS.

Auckland Section.

Rates and regulations for parcels, horses, carriages, and dogs booked between stations on Auckland Section and Kaipara ports amended.

Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth Section.

Parcels: Rates for delivery at Wellington and Te Aro Stations inserted.

PART III.—GOODS: REGULATIONS.

Live-stock: Rates and regulation *re* mixed consignment of horses and hounds inserted. Rates for stud pigs not exceeding £3 in value reduced.

Storage: Napier included in list of head stations.

Railway-sleepers: Minimum quantity to be charged at Class Q rates, reduced to 4 tons per four-wheeled and 15 tons per bogie truck.

Butter- and egg-boxes returned empty: Free carriage inserted.

Lime for manuring farm lands: Free carriage and regulation inserted.

Seeds returning from seed-cleaning establishments: Regulation amended. Free carriage confined to seeds to be used in the locality where grown. Seeds for export excluded from free carriage.

Class P: Regulation amended; rate for native bark reduced.

Westralian Exhibition, Auckland Industrial Exhibition: Regulation *re* free carriage of exhibits inserted.

PART IV.—GOODS: LOCAL RATES.

Auckland Section.

Timber: Rates for tawa timber, Mamaku to Te Aroha, Thames, and intermediate stations, inserted. Rates for timber, Mamaku to Komata, Thames, and intermediate stations, inserted. Rates for timber from Thames and Shortland to Te Aroha, Paeroa, and intermediate stations, inserted.

Coal slack: Rate and regulation for coal slack up to 2s. per ton in value, Huntly or Kimihia to Komata, Thames, and intermediate stations, inserted.

Goods and live-stock from and to Auckland stations and ports on Kaipara: Rates and regulation amended.

Regulation for carriage of raw materials and manufactured products to or from factories at Westfield from and to Auckland amended to include machinery and empties.

Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth Section.

Wool: Rate Spit to Hastings reduced.

Coal, native: Rate reduced from Class N to Class P. Regulation *re* native coal between Waitara and New Plymouth, Foxton and Longburn, and Wellington and Petone cancelled.

Timber: Rate for timber reconsigned from Greytown to Wellington reduced.