

The results of the hearings are set out in the following summary :—

Application in respect of.	Date.	Decision of Tribunal.
Southland District, Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Areas	30/9/47	Slight increase in a number of items in small goods and parcels schedule approved.
Southland District, Nos. 1 and 3 Areas	30/9/47	Timber cartage rate for timber ex mill deleted in favour of general timber cartage rate.
Wellington City, Hutt Valley Area	10/10/47	Schedule reviewed and confirmed. New conditions applied and small increases in two or three items granted.
Southland Rural Mail-service ..	10/10/47	Contract price fixed for carriage of mails.
Palmerston North District rural mail and newspaper service	10/10/47	Application for increased rates for paper cartage refused.
Banks Peninsula Area Rates Schedule	10/10/47	A new schedule involving some increase on old rates prescribed and approved.
Dunedin City cartage rate charges	14/10/47	An increase in rates for building materials and parcels approved.
Carterton rural mail-service ..	27/11/47	Rates for bread cartage increased to Price Tribunal delivery rates.
Apiti Rate Schedule Area ..	27/11/47	New schedule involving increases in rates prescribed for the area.
General application in respect of goods-service charges throughout New Zealand	27/11/47	Rates increased by 2½ per cent. on Area Schedules and previous increases cancelled, and a comprehensive increase of 10 per cent. on city, borough, and town district schedules consequent on wage increase by Court of Arbitration.
Northern Manawatu Rate Schedule Area	27/11/47	Application to vary area for pig cartage declined.
Wellington Hutt Valley Area	9/12/47	New schedule prescribed involving slight increase in rates for timber deliveries by timber-merchants.
Governor's Bay Area ..	16/12/47	Increase granted in rates for stock cartage.
Auckland Rate Schedule Area	12/3/48	Application for increase in shingle and metal cartage rates declined.
North Auckland Rate Schedule Area	12/3/48	New rates for bulk lime cartage ex hopper prescribed (decrease on general rates).
Auckland Rate Schedule Area	12/3/48	Increase in rates for carriage of bitumen and emulsion in tanks approved.

In all cases where increases were granted by the Tribunal the Minister of Stabilization directed that the increased cost was to be borne by the user.

There are now a number of applications coming before the Tribunal for adjustments in the rates for individual items on rates schedules.

Difficulty is being experienced in obtaining the necessary evidence regarding costs revenue and volume of business. In this connection the following extract from a Tribunal decision recently given is quoted :—

We think it proper to point out that where charges have recently been fixed the Tribunal is not prepared to agree to an alteration of those charges without very clear evidence either that the original decision was made in error or that the circumstances have changed.

The details of the applications dealt with by the Tribunal since its inception are :—

Class of Application.	Applications dealt with during Year ended 31st March,					Total.
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	
Country schedules	12	13	10	4	10	49
Town schedules	..	..	6	..	5	11
General contracts	57	41	36	44	77	255
Mail contracts	70	81	71	38	65	325
Special rates	..	..	..	2	..	2
Wages increase	..	..	..	2	1	3
Totals	139	135	123	90	158	645