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STATEMENT of Alterations effected in, and Additions made to, the Scale of Charges, during the Year ending 31st March, 1885.

PART I.—PASSENGERS.

Revision of season-ticket rates for short distances.

Newspaper-reporters' season tickets. Amended regulation. Teachers' Saturday season tickets. Altered from term to quarter.

New regulation re free school season tickets.

Special trains for Government departments. Charge levied for engine when it is ordered and not used.

LOCAL FARES AND REGULATIONS.

Hurunui-Bluff Section.

Reduced mileage between Pelichet Bay and Port Chalmers for purpose of charging fares. Local rates between Pelichet Bay and stations on Port Chalmers line.

Duntroon and Hakateramea Company's Line.

Additional fares to and from the terminus.

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

Birds in cages excepted from regulation re charging separate parcels.

Druggists' bottles charged single rate.

Rates for parcels, containing artificial flowers, paper-boxes, &c., and pasteboard boxes containing millinery, reduced.

Minimum charge for horses, &c., in cattle-trucks, lowered. New rate for milk consigned to cheese and butter factories.

PART III.-GOODS.

Classified Rates.

Reductions in Classes N, P, for distances beyond 152 miles.

Maximum weight fixed for truck-loads Class F.

Rates reduced for small quantities of unpressed hay, straw, &c. Charge for trucks containing over 5 tons of firewood, &c., reduced from double rate to rate and a half.

New regulation re drovers of live-stock, and mixed consignments.

Rates for cattle, calves, &c., in small lots, reduced.

Reduction of minimum for quantities of bonedust, guano, &c., and addition of offal to other articles of traffic.

Carriage on heavy wagons reduced from double rate to rate and a half.

Returned empties. Rates reduced for distances up to 25 miles.

New charge for weighing truck-loads of goods of Class E.

PART IV.-LOCAL RATES.

Whangarei Section.

Special rate to or from the railway wharf for live-stock.

Auckland Section.

Dross and fireclay added to native-coal rates, and rates extended to Fisher's Siding. New rates to Mount Eden from local mines, and rate for imported coals from Onehunga to Auckland.

New rate for bricks from Hunt's Siding to Auckland, and for coals carried from Auckland to

the siding.

Addition to regulation for Class E.

New rate for sugar for shipment from Auckland Railway Wharf to Onehunga.

Rates to stations on Cambridge Branch.

Adoption of local rate for kauri logs from Helensville to Onehunga Wharf.

Special rate for goods ex ship to Fisher's Siding, for manufacture of oil and artificial manures. Rough stone, Tuakau to Auckland. New rate.

Napier Section.

Rates for round logs extended to Waipukurau and Napier.

Addition to regulation for Class E.

Wellington Section.

Adoption of local rates for bark from Wellington Wharf.

Rates for milk consigned to dairy-companies factories at Greytown and Taratahi cancelled.

Addition to regulation for Class E.

Rate for bark from Wellington Wharf to Ngahauranga lowered.

Adoption of special rate for cheese consigned from cheese factories for foreign export.

Wanganui Section.

Addition to regulation for Class E.

Special rate for cheese consigned from cheese factories for foreign export.