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STATEMENT of Alterations effected in and Additions made to the Scale of Charges during the Year ending 31st March, 1888.

PART I.—PASSENGERS.

Railway employés' tickets: Regulations amended. Season-ticket rates: Adjusted for four-mile distances. Teachers' Saturday ticket regulation extended. New regulation regarding athletic teams.

LOCAL FARES AND REGULATIONS.

Whangarei Section.

Uniform fares adopted between all stations.

Auckland Section.

Removal of through fares to Kaipara ports. Revision of suburban fares.

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

Left luggage: New storage regulations.

Milk rates reduced for long distances. Cheese and butter factories' rates made applicable to creameries.

PART III .-- GOODS.

Classified Rates.

Class D : Rates reduced after 150 miles. Class E : Rates lowered after 250 miles.

Class F Goods: Reduction in rates for small quantities.

Class H: Rates lowered for scoured wool in bales not exceeding 23cwt. Class K: Method of dealing with odd feet over a hundred altered. Class L: New regulation about firewood in double-bogie trucks.

Wanganui and West Coast Jubilee Exhibition, Manawatu and West Coast Industrial Exhibition, Patea Industrial Exhibition, and Centennial International Exhibition (Melbourne): Regulations provided for free conveyance of exhibits.

Class M: Amended regulation about drovers in charge of stock.

Ores consigned for testing purposes at Glasgow Exhibition: Free carriage gazetted.

PART IV.-LOCAL RATES.

Kawakawa Section.

Coal rate reduced from Kawakawa mine to port for shipment.

Whangarei Section.

Adoption of uniform rate for all goods of Classes A, B, C, D, E.

Auckland Section.

A, B, C, and D goods ex ship at Onehunga to ship at Auckland: Local rate gazetted. Native brown coals, &c.: Meremere rates removed; rates established from Kimihia and Miranda

Reduction of minimum charge for copra, &c., Auckland to Westfield, and for oil-soap, &c., Westfield to Auckland.

Skidding kauri logs at Auckland: Charge lowered. Kauri logs at Helensville: Labour rate reduced.

Local rate established for milk between Auckland and suburban stations. Wool, Te Aroha Branch stations to Auckland: New rate. Fresh fruit, Helensville to Auckland: Special rate adopted.

Preserved fish ex ship at Helensville to ship at Auckland: New rate.

Alteration in rates on sawn and log timber from Kaipara line to Auckland, Onehunga Wharf, and Mount Eden.

Native coal, Huntly to Te Aroha: Local rate.

Local rate put in force for imported coal, Auckland to Onehunga.

Kimihia Siding: Additional charge to ordinary rates for minerals consigned from the siding. Bar-iron, &c., Onehunga to Auckland: Local rate.

Dead meat and tallow, Westfield to private sidings at Auckland: Local rate inserted. Timber, Putaruru and Lichfield to Auckland: Special rate provided. Grain, Onehunga to Auckland: Local rate fixed, to include all charges except loading.

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