

article on any of the premises of a railway without the consent of the General Manager, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding ten pounds.

38. All persons employed on or about the railway or wharf are strictly prohibited from using the refreshment-room; and every such person partaking of intoxicating liquor at such refreshment-room will be liable to instant dismissal.

39. Any person attending upon the refreshment-room who shall supply an employé on or about the railway or wharf with intoxicating liquor shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds, and shall be dismissed from his employment.

Merchandise.

40. Neither Her Majesty the Queen nor the lessee of any railway will be accountable for any articles unless the same be signed for as received by some clerk or agent; nor will they, or any of them, be responsible for the loss of or damage to money in cash, or bills, or promissory notes, or securities for money, or jewellery, trinkets, rings, precious stones, bullion, gold and silver plate, clocks, watches, mirrors, marbles, lace, furs, silks, writings, title-deeds, prints, paintings, maps, or other valuables; nor for damage done to china, glass, musical instruments, furniture, toys, castings, or any other such hazardous or brittle articles, unless they shall have been declared as such, and a special agreement entered into for the same; nor for any loss or damage to any goods in their hands as carriers, or in their warehouse, or on their landing-places, arising from fire (except from their own engine or apparatus), the act of God, civil commotion, or foreign enemies; nor for the loss of or damage done to goods put into boxes or packages described as empties; nor for damage of any goods or packages insufficiently or improperly packed, or containing a variety of articles liable by breaking to damage each other or other articles; nor for leakage, nor for any loss or damage whatsoever by reason of accidental or unavoidable delays in transit or otherwise.

41. Every person, before delivering any of the special goods above mentioned at any railway station, shall first give to the person in charge of such station a statement in writing declaring the nature and value of such special goods, and the person so in charge shall give a receipt for the same, specifying the nature and value so declared.

42. No person, unless he has first delivered such statement and received such receipt, shall be entitled to recover, in respect to any loss or damage of or to any such special goods, any greater sum than five pounds in respect of any such parcel in which any such special goods are packed, ten pounds per head in respect of any horses, five pounds per head in respect of any neat cattle, and one pound per head in respect of any sheep or swine.

43. No claim for loss or damage will be allowed unless specified in writing, and made within two days after delivery in case of partial loss or damage, or within seven days after the due time of delivery in case of total loss.

44. No person shall have any right to send by a railway any goods of a dangerous nature; and if any person attempts to send by a railway, or deposits in any premises of the railway, any box or package containing any such goods, or any goods declared by the regulations, or publicly notified by the Minister, to be of a dangerous nature, without distinctly marking the contents on the outside of such box or package, or giving notice in writing of the contents to the officer in charge of the station at which such box or package is left, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanour.

45. Fruit, fish, meat, poultry, and any other perish-

able articles, not taken away within six hours after arrival at the station to which they are consigned, may be forthwith sold, by auction or otherwise, without notice to the sender or consignee; and payment or tender of the net proceeds of any such sale, after deduction of freight and expenses, shall be accepted as equivalent to delivery.

46. All empties not taken away within one month after arrival will be sold to defray expenses.

47. All goods and merchandise, whether bonded or free, and all luggage, having arrived at its destination, shall be removed by the consignees from the platform and sheds within twelve working hours; and any free goods, merchandise, or luggage not removed by that time may be stored at the risk and expense of the consignees or owners, and will become subject to such charges as may from time to time be duly fixed with respect to the railway; and any bonded goods or merchandise which shall not be removed within the period aforesaid shall be subject to the payment of the sum of two shillings per ton per day until the removal of the same from the railway premises.

48. Any goods, merchandise, or luggage, arriving at any station, which shall not be removed from the railway premises within twelve working hours, may be stored at risk and expense of the consignee or owner.

49. All tolls and charges and warehousing charges must be paid immediately to the person duly authorized to receive the same.

50. If any person refuses or fails to pay the proper charges for any goods carried on a railway, or received on, stored in, or delivered from any wharf, pier, jetty, shed, or yard connected therewith, or any charge for demurrage, for one month after demand of same by any person duly authorized to collect such charges, any such goods, or in case such goods have been delivered, then any other goods on the premises of the railway belonging to the same person, may, by order of the Minister, be sold; and the proceeds of such sale shall be used first for paying the said charges and the expenses of such sale, and the balance, if any, shall be paid over to the owner of the goods sold.

51. If any such goods are left on the premises of the railway, and the owner thereof, or the person liable for the charges thereon, is not known, the Minister may cause it to be publicly notified that such goods will be sold upon a day named in such notice, not less than one month from the publication thereof; and if such goods are not removed and the charges thereon paid before such day, the said goods may be sold, and the balance of the proceeds of such sale, after paying the charges upon such goods, shall be paid into the Public Trust Office, and shall be paid by the Public Trustee to any person establishing a lawful claim thereto.

52. The above conditions, numbered from 40 to 52, both inclusive, apply to all parcels and goods received by the proper officers of the railway at the offices and warehouses thereof, wherever situate.

SCHEDULE.

RAILWAYS ON WHICH ABOVE BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS ARE TO BE IN FORCE.

Kaipara to Riverhead Railway: Kaipara to Riverhead.

Auckland to Mercer Railway: Auckland to Mercer, and Onehunga Branch.

Napier to Waipukurau Railway: Napier Spit to Waipukurau.

Wellington to Masterton Railway: Wellington to Upper Hutt,

Waitara to Wanganui Railway: Waitara to New Plymouth.

Picton to Blenheim Railway: Picton to Blenheim.