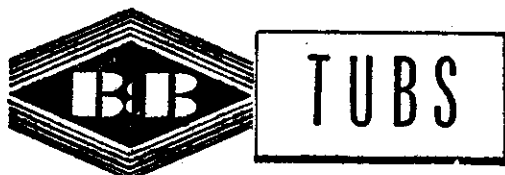




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first line were the words "Mrs. Cooke is entitled, subject to the conditions hereon," to travel, etc.

In the most recent of these cases, heard in 1941, a railway ticket issued to the plaintiff was originally printed so that it had on its face the words: "For Conditions, see Back." The date-stamp, however, had been so placed as to obliterate those words. As has been already explained, each case must depend on its own facts. The Lord Chief Justice (Lord Caldecote) said that the words which showed that the railway company had done what was sufficient to bring the conditions to the passenger's notice were blotted out; therefore, the company had not taken steps to bring them to the passenger's notice, for the obvious reason that, as His Lordship pointed out, "it is no use printing words in much clearer type than anything else on the ticket if the next

thing they do is to blot those words out." The passenger was not debarred by the conditions under which the railway company would not be liable; and she got her damages.

Conditions Must Be Reasonable

If conditions printed on the ticket and brought to the passenger's notice are unreasonable or contrary to law, they may be of no value to the issuing company or passenger-carrier. A carrier may, however, lawfully contract himself out of his liability, and it depends on the terms of his contract whether he has done so.*

Railway tickets in this country are not printed and issued "subject to conditions on the back," as are the tickets of railway companies in England. The Railway Regulations, made under the authority of the Government Railways Act, 1926, have the force of an Act of Parliament. They are publicly notified by means of a notice or publication in the New Zealand Gazette. Consequently, every intending passenger has notice of the conditions attaching to every railway ticket issued.

The Tram Traveller

Tram tickets are, of their nature, small. A reference that the ticket is issued subject to the local tramway by-laws and regulations is sufficient notice to the passenger. If, before he trusts himself on a municipally-owned tram, he has any doubts, then it is up to him to call at the office of the Town Clerk and read those by-laws for himself. He can

*The late Hon. P. J. O'Regan, on his appointment to the Legislative Council, introduced a Bill making it illegal for any passenger-carrying concern to avoid its ordinary liability for damages for negligence, whereby a passenger suffered death or injury, by the inclusion of limitative conditions in a ticket. The Bill was not proceeded with, owing to the approaching end of the Session.

then decide whether the smallness of the fare justifies any risk to which he may expose himself by reason of any by-law limitation of the municipality's liability towards him. If he does not put himself to this trouble, he has had reasonable notice, on the face of the ticket, that the ticket is issued subject to conditions which he can read for himself.

One last word. On the tickets issued in the Wellington Corporation's trams appears the polite request: "Please destroy on alighting." (As the journey must be ended, the contract of transport is no more.) What could happen if this injunction were disobeyed? The writer—who has travelled often on the trams, always without reading the printed words on the ticket, and without ever having seen a tramways by-law—does not know. It may well be that the litter on Wellington's streets, so obvious a subject for the correspondence columns of

the City's daily Press, derives much material from the passengers ready compliance with this courteous demand.



"Please destroy on alighting"

SHORTWAVE HIGHLIGHTS

THE following is a list of news bulletins in English now being heard on the short-wave bands. Where the bulletin is broadcast on more than one frequency, only the one that is best received has been noted.

Time	Place	Freq. Mc/s.	W/L	Meters
5.30 a.m.	Moscow	9.70		30.92
5.30	Holland	9.58		31.32
5.45	Indonesia	10.84		27.68
5.45	Prague	11.80		25.42
6.00	London	15.18		19.76
6.00	Moscow	11.53		25.05
7.00	New York	15.25		19.67
7.45	Prague	9.55		31.41
8.00	London	15.14		19.81
8.00	Spain	9.38		32.00
8.15	Australia	11.76		25.51
9.45	Australia	15.20		19.72
9.45	London	9.69		30.96
10.45	London	15.11		19.85
11.00	New York	15.28		19.63
12.30 p.m.	Moscow	11.96		25.09
12.30	Italy	15.12		19.84
1.00	London	11.75		25.58
1.00	New York	15.33		19.57
1.40	Switzerland	15.29		19.62
2.30	New Delhi	15.16		19.79
3.10	Lake Success	15.32		19.59
3.20	Switzerland	11.815		25.40
5.00	San Francisco	15.15		19.81
5.30	Brazzaville	9.44		31.76
6.00	London	9.64		31.12
6.00	San Francisco	11.90		25.25
7.00	London	15.18		19.76
7.20	Switzerland	11.865		25.28
7.30	Lake Success	9.65		31.09
8.00	London	11.82		26.38
8.00	San Francisco	11.90		25.25
8.00	Tokio	9.60		31.25
9.00	New York	15.25		19.67
9.50	Singapore	15.30		19.61
10.00	Saigon	11.79		25.45
10.00	San Francisco	11.90		25.25
10.00	New Delhi	15.29		19.62
10.15	New York	15.25		19.67
11.00	San Francisco	11.90		25.21
11.00	Chungking	15.19		19.75
11.30	Indonesia	10.84		27.68
11.45	London	17.78		16.87
12.00	San Francisco	15.33		19.57
12.00	Canada	15.09		19.88
12.30 a.m.	New Delhi	15.29		19.62
12.45	Moscow	15.41		19.48
1.00	London	17.81		16.64

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