

# VICTORIAN



# RAILWAYS.

# PARCELS RATES

THE BOARD OF LAND AND WORKS, by virtue of the powers and authorities vested in it by "The Public Works Statute" hereby make the following BYE-LAW for FIXING the CHARGES for PARCELS, CARRIAGES, and LUGGAGE, when stored at the risk of the owners thereof or of the said Board, that is to say—

1. On and after 9th February 1882, the Rates for Parcels, whether prepaid or to pay, forwarded at the Owners' risk, or at the risk of the Board as commencing according to the rates and conditions here following:—

## ORDINARY PARCELS RATES.

Miles.	At the Risk of the Owner.—Stamped.						At the Risk of the Carrier.—Not Stamped, and un-						
	Not over—			For every 28lbs., or portion thereof additional.			Not over—			For every 28lbs., or portion thereof additional.			
	14lbs.	28lbs.	56lbs.	84lbs.	112lbs.	14lbs.	28lbs.	56lbs.	84lbs.	112lbs.	14lbs.	28lbs.	56lbs.
Not over 25 miles ...	0 3	0 6	1 0	1 6	2 0	0 6	0 6	1 0	1 4	2 0	0 4	0 4	0 8
Not over 50 miles ...	0 5	0 9	1 6	2 3	3 0	0 9	0 9	1 6	2 0	3 0	0 6	0 6	1 0
Not over 75 miles ...	0 6	1 0	2 0	3 0	4 0	1 0	1 0	3 0	4 0	5 0	0 8	0 8	1 4
Not over 101 miles ...	0 8	1 3	2 6	3 9	5 0	1 3	1 3	3 9	4 8	6 0	1 0	1 0	1 8
For every additional 25 miles or part thereof ...	0 2	0 3	0 6	0 9	1 0	0 3	0 3	0 9	0 8	1 0	0 2	0 2	0 4

## NEWSPAPER PARCELS RATES.

Miles.	At the Risk of the Owner.—Stamped.						At the Risk of the Carrier.—Not Stamped, and un-						
	Not over—			For every 28lbs., or portion thereof additional.			Not over—			For every 28lbs., or portion thereof additional.			
	7lbs.	14lbs.	28lbs.	56lbs.	112lbs.	7lbs.	14lbs.	28lbs.	56lbs.	112lbs.	7lbs.	14lbs.	28lbs.
Any distance (one journey) ...	0 1	0 1½	0 3	0 6	1 0	0 2	0 2	0 6	0 6	1 0	0 2	0 3	0 6

2. Newspaper Parcels under 7lbs. in weight can be forwarded any distance, on being stamped with a Halfpenny stamp (Freight or Postage) for each paper they advantage of the Sender to do so.

3. Press Parcels or Despatches not exceeding 11lb. each can be forwarded any distance on being stamped with one Penny Stamp.

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3. Press Parcels or Despatches not exceeding 1lb. each can be forwarded any distance on being stamped with one Penny Stamp.

4. Single Newspapers 3s. 3d. per quarter, payable in advance.

5. PACKED PARCELS in hampers, crates, bags, cases, or other packages to be charged *quadruple* the above rates, and the onus of proving that Parcels are not consignors or consignees.

6. ALL STAMPS AFFIXED TO PARCELS must bear the *signature of the sender* as agreeing to the conditions of carriage, otherwise the Stamps will be treated as invalid and the Parcels will be waybilled at Unstamped Parcels Rates.

7. When two or more Parcels are consigned to one person the above rates are charged on each Parcel separately.

**PERISHABLES (TO BE PREPAID).**

8. FISH, FRUIT, BUTTER, EGGS, MILK, DEAD GAME OR POULTRY, FRESH RABBIT SKINS, ICE AND VEGETABLES, to be charged the above rates, stamped or not as may be, or *4th Class Goods Rates* (except Fish, which is charged *2nd Class Goods Rates*) if carried at *owner's risk* and consigned on *owner's risk notes* (Form 86 A), *mile* if carried at the *risk of the carrier*. The minimums as per Goods Tariff to be enforced. All Perishables carried at either of these rates to be prepaid in cash or stamp on the usual Parcels Waybill, and must be at the station half an hour before train starting time.

9. Bicycles, Feathers, Furniture, Glass, Hats, Bonnet or Hat Boxes, Cases of Millinery, Straw Bonnets, Mirrors (loose), Musical Instruments, Perambulators, Sulkies Sewing Machines, Wickerwork, Wire Cages (loose), or other articles light or fragile, are considered admeasurement goods, and will be charged 50 per cent. additional on the above Parcels containing articles and property of a description not mentioned or specified in the first section of the Act of the Parliament of Victoria numbered 78, such articles over £10 in value, shall, in addition to the amount chargeable by the foregoing scale of rates, be charged a further sum equal to one per centum upon the declared value to accompany each consignment.

**BOOKS LENT TO FREE OR PUBLIC LIBRARIES.**

10. Books lent to Free or Public Libraries having paid full Parcels Rates one way will be returned free. A declaration that they have paid full rates, and given accompany each consignment.

**BOOKS ON HIRE.**

11. Parcels of books on hire from circulating libraries having paid full Stamped Parcels Rates one way will be returned free. To obtain this concession, however, libraries must enter into a bond that their parcels will contain nothing besides books for hire, and must adopt a distinctive label to be approved of by the Department.

12. *Carrier's Stationery Parcels* pay ordinary rates.

13. *Consignee's Letters* 1d. each, prepaid by Freight Stamp.

14. Returned Empties by Passenger trains, if prepaid, will be carried according to the following scale, but only provided the Station Master is satisfied that the parcels previously sent at Parcels Rates by Passenger trains, and that they are unlocked or open for inspection when brought for carriage, and remain so until they are discharged, not prepaid, either by Stamps or cash, ordinary Parcels Rates will be charged.

**RATES FOR RETURNED EMPTIES—PREPAID.**

Miles.	At Owner's Risk, Stamped.		At Carrier's Risk, Not Stamped.	
	For every 25lbs. or for any portion thereof additional.		For every 25lbs. or for any portion thereof additional.	
	Not over 25lbs.	s. d.	Not over 25lbs.	s. d.
Not over 101 miles	0 1	0 1	0 2	0 4
Not over 201 miles	0 2	0 2	0 4	0 8
For every 100 miles or for any portion thereof additional	0 1	0 1	0 2	0 4

15. The Stamps to be used for the prepayment of Parcels Freight are in number and value as follows :—

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| 1. ... One penny.       | 7. ... One Shilling.  | 9. ... Three Shillings. |
| 2. ... Three halfpence. | 8. ... Two Shillings. | 10. ... Four Shillings. |
| 3. ... Twopence.        | 11. ...               |                         |
| 4. ... Threepence.      |                       |                         |
16. The Freight Stamp should be affixed, as nearly as possible, in the same relative position on the Parcel as is the postage stamp on a letter, that is, on the right-hand side of the Parcel. Where the Package being sent as Meat a Rate a Crate a Cask &c. does not admit of this the Freight Stamp should be attached on a separate card to the address.

16. The Freight Stamp should be affixed, as nearly as possible, in the same relative position on the Parcel as is the postage stamp on a letter, that is, on the right-hand side of the Parcel. Where the Package, being such as Meat, a Bag, a Crate, a Cage, &c., does not admit of this, the Freight Stamp should be attached on a separate and secure slip of paper, and be affixed to the Parcel in the same manner as the postage stamp on a letter, that is, on the right-hand side of the Parcel. In regard to Stamped Parcels upon which, when brought to a station to be carried by railway, charges have been already incurred, the Board will not recognize any way, either by cash payment thereof or by account as "paid on."

18. Newspapers, in packages, and Press Parcels must be open at the sides, so that the contents can be ascertained. Packages entirely covered, or covered so that the contents cannot be ascertained, will be carried at the rates for ordinary Parcels. Milk Cans must be legibly stamped with the name of the station from which they are sent, so as to facilitate the return of empty cans. The labels should be durable, made of wood or metal, and distinctly addressed. "Money Parcels," whether stamped or not, must be so addressed, and a label of £10 such value must be declared.

19. The Board will not be common carriers of live poultry, nor are they to be received if tied by the legs; they must be in coops, cases, or crates.

20. The rates for Perishables do not include loading or unloading, in which the servants of the senders and consignees must assist if required. These rates are subject to the Regulations in reference thereto are compiled with; in default thereof, the rates for ordinary Parcels will be charged.

21. All Parcels, Perishables excepted, whether stamped or not, must be brought to the station at least fifteen minutes before the time fixed for the departure of the train to be sent by.

22. The delivery of Stamped Parcels, after they have been carried by railway, may be made, irrespectively of the ownership thereof, to the person who, from his possession or other evidence, appears to represent the owner or his agent, or to any licensed carrier.

23. Every care will be taken for the delivery of Parcels stamped, but without responsibility, as per conditions set forth on the Stamps, as the rates in Clause 1 are subject to the Regulations in reference thereto are compiled with; in default thereof, the rates for ordinary Parcels will be charged.

24. A receipt will be given, if demanded, for Parcels not stamped carried at the rates provided by Clause 1, and for Perishables carried at Goods Rates.

25. Receipt will be given for Stamped Parcels *only on the form approved of by the Department.*

26. Each Stamped Parcel must be securely covered and addressed to its destination irrespectively of the writing upon the Freight Stamp. Separate Parcels which are returned must each be stamped. Returned Empties, if securely tied together, may be prepaid by one or more stamps of the required value on the outside package.

27. When the Freight Stamps affixed are not of full value for the weight or distance, and the sender omits or refuses to affix the additional stamps necessary, the station to which the Parcel is forwarded at Unstamped Parcels Rates.

28. Freight Stamps will be sold at all stations, and also by licensed vendors.

29. The Parcels Clerk on receiving a Stamped Parcel for carriage will mark the Freight Stamp thereon with the name of the station. This mark is to be made on the outside of the Parcel. The receiving station will also mark the Stamp on the left-hand side of the Freight Stamp.

30. Nothing in these Regulations affects the rate for Gold, Live Stock, Wool, Dangerous Goods, Horses, Dogs and the exceptions provided by the Act of Parliament numbered 78.

31. Unstamped Parcels containing any of the articles mentioned in the first section of the Act of Parliament of Victoria numbered 78 shall be charged the following rates:—Over £10 and under £50 in value, Double, and over £50 in value, Quadruple Unstamped Parcels Rates, as shown above.

32. Nothing in these rates affects the Parcels Rates now in force on the Suburban Lines.

33. Corpses under 40 miles, 20s. each; above 40 miles, 6d. per mile. Corpses will not be forwarded, unless a certificate is produced from the medical attendant setting forth that death was not caused by any contagious or infectious disease.

34. Commercial travellers, travelling on the ordinary single ticket, or periodical ticket, not including samples, will have their luggage or samples carried at "Half Rates"—minimum, 1 cwt., and maximum, 10 cwt. Over 10 cwt. a carriage truck to be employed, at 6d. per truck per mile—minimum, 20 miles, and maximum weight, 10 cwt. to produce some authority from the firms they represent. *This applies only to luggage or samples accompanied by a commercial traveller, in the same train. If sent by a private train, the ordinary Parcels Rates to be charged.*

Commercial travellers may break their journey with their samples in the same manner as can be done with the ordinary single ticket. The samples to be way-billed must be filled up by the station of original departure, a remark being made on way-bill, "journey broken," which must be signed by way-billing clerk. One of the forms must be filled up and handed to the traveller, who must present it at each station he stops at, where he will sign for his samples on taking delivery. On presenting them again to the station-master, who will enter the next destination on it, initial it, and hand it back to the traveller. Samples sent under these regulations must be sent to final destination. These rates apply to any samples in excess of the quantity included in a periodical ticket, provided it is booked beforehand. If found in excess at any station, full rates will be charged. Travellers holding annual tickets for their samples as well as themselves, are allowed the privilege of 24 hours' free Cloak-room, and of

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### CARRIAGE RATES.

35. Carriages, Gigs, Dog Carts, and Vehicles of a similar description will be charged for at the rate of 6d. per mile, subject, however, that the sum of £1 shall be the minimum, Twenty shillings. For Vehicles sent for repair, Return Tickets available for four weeks will be issued at 50 per cent. additional on these rates.

### LUCCAGE.

36. First-class passengers are allowed to carry 84 lbs., Second-class passengers 56 lbs., free of charge, the same to consist of *bona fide luggage only*, and to be contained in bag, trunk, box, portmanteau, or valise, or any other package commonly used for its carriage. If in chests of drawers, cases, or other packages which usually contain more than one package, all excess above that weight will be charged at the undermentioned "Excess Luggage" Rates. Passengers having Luggage must deliver it to the parcels office fifteen minutes before the starting of the train, so as to give sufficient time to have it weighed (if in excess), checked, and stowed. No luggage will be allowed to be placed in the train unless of such size that it can be placed under or over the seat without inconvenience to other passengers; but the Department does not hold itself liable for the loss of luggage or at excess rates, unless the Regulations for the carriage of the same exhibited at all stations have been complied with.

Passengers must have their names, and the station to which they are proceeding, distinctly marked on their luggage, and satisfy themselves that it is placed in the train. The Department will not hold itself liable for any package not distinctly addressed, or for which the owner has not obtained a Luggage Check, as per Regulations dated 31st January 1882. Any package of luggage, whether "checked" or "Excess," whose value shall exceed the sum of £10, unless such value shall be declared at the time of booking, and a further per centum upon such declared value paid.

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### EXCESS LUCCAGE RATES.

FOR EVERY 28 lbs. OR PART OF 28 lbs. ADDITIONAL.

Under 10 Miles.	10 to 40 Miles.	40 to 60 Miles.	60 to 80 Miles.	80 to 110 Miles.	110 to 150 Miles.	150 to 250 Miles.	250 to 300 Miles.	300 to 350 Miles.	350 to 400 Miles.	400 to 450 Miles.
0s. 6d.	0s. 9d.	1s. 0d.	1s. 3d.	1s. 6d.	1s. 9d.	2s. 0d.	2s. 6d.	2s. 9d.	3s. 0d.	3s. 3d.

### LEFT LUCCAGE OR CLOAK ROOM CHARGES.

38. Every large Parcel 6d.; every small Parcel 3d., for twenty-four hours. Over that time an extra charge of 2d. per diem on large, and 1d. per diem on small parcels. *Passengers' Luggage left in a train or at a station* and subsequently claimed are also charged these rates; and likewise Parcels arriving at stations addressed "To be left in the parcels office" are not taken delivery of in forty-eight hours after arrival at the respective stations. The Board will not, however, be responsible for any Parcel left in Cloak Room Office whose value shall exceed the sum of £10, unless such value shall be declared at the time of booking, and a further sum equal to one per centum upon such declared value.

In testimony whereof the Common Seal of the Board of Land and Works was hereunto affixed in the presence of the undersigned, two of the members of the Board, on the sixth day of February in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighty-two.

THOS. BENT, Vice-President.

A. J. SKENE, Member.