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Western Australian Government Railways and Tramways.

IT is hereby notified, for general information, that the following alterations have been made in the Coaching Rates Book:—

COACHING RATES BOOK.

W.R. 3803/1906.

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF PASSENGERS' LUGGAGE,
PAGES 106 AND 107.

Delete Regulations for the conveyance of Passengers' Luggage on pages 106 and 107, and insert the following in lieu thereof:—

LUGGAGE CHECKS.

Commencing on 1st November, 1906, a new system of card checks will be introduced for passengers' luggage between the following stations:—

Between				And
Fremantle	...	...	...	Perth
Fremantle and Perth	...	...	...	Northam
Do.	do.	...	...	Coolgardie
Do.	do.	...	...	Kalgoorlie
Do.	do.	...	...	Boulder
Do.	do.	...	...	Bunbury
Do.	do.	...	...	Busselton
Do.	do.	...	...	Albany

DESCRIPTION.—The check will be made of stout flexible card, in size four inches by two inches, with an eyelet reinforced with metal or thick paper at the top. It will be perforated in the centre, and when used, the top portion must be attached by a strong cord to the article checked, and the lower portion handed to the passenger. Each portion of the check will be similarly numbered.

PRINTING.—The following is a sample of the lettering, etc., which will appear on the checks:—

(FRONT.)

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W.A.
GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.
—:o:—
LUGGAGE CHECK.
1450.

(Duplicate.)
W.A.
GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.
—:o:—
LUGGAGE CHECK.
1450.
Issued by.....

(BACK.)

TO ISSUING STAFF.

Issue only for *bona fide* free luggage in proper receptacles, securely fastened and in good order. See that name and address are properly affixed, and that no old labels appear. Use usual luggage labels and waybill on proper form. Each package requires a separate check.

TO DESTINATION STAFF.

Check with waybill. Match with passenger's duplicate. Collect and cancel duplicate, and send both pieces to the Lost Luggage Clerk, Perth Station.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.

A separate check is required for each package. Checks are only issued for free luggage in ordinary luggage receptacles, properly secured and plainly addressed, and delivered at least 15 minutes before train starting time.

To avoid paying storage charges, luggage should be claimed immediately on arrival.

Delivery is effected on this check only, but a note should be taken of its No. to facilitate restoration of the luggage should you lose the check.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

1. Free luggage consists of wearing apparel and other similar personal belongings contained in a bag, carpet bag, trunk, box, portmanteau, valise, or any other receptacle commonly used for the purpose.

Luggage must not be accepted for free carriage when contained in merchandise boxes or cases, or in chests of drawers, or in bundles not properly covered and roped.

Checks should not be issued for such articles as the following, which in limited quantities are carried free, or are charged for at a reduced rate when accompanying passengers, viz. :—Artisans' tools; Sportsmen's tackle and game; Drivers' saddles; Dentists' equipment; Photographer's cameras; bicycles; Baby carts, etc.; Commercial Travellers' samples; Theatrical paraphernalia; Luggage on Cheap Excursion Tickets.

2. THE COMMISSIONER WILL NOT BE LIABLE in respect of the loss, miscarriage, detention, or non-delivery of passengers' luggage, carried or handed to the Commissioner for carriage by railway free or at excess rates, unless the owner thereof has complied with the following conditions :—Nor for any package not distinctly addressed, or for which the owner has not obtained a luggage check, or paid the excess rates prescribed hereunder; nor for any package of luggage, whether "checked" or "excess," the value of which shall exceed the sum of £10, unless such value shall be declared at the time of booking, and the insurance rate be paid; nor for any loss, detention, miscarriage, or damage through the neglect by passengers of these By-laws, whether such neglect arise through insufficiency of time or any other cause attributable to the default of the Commissioner.

The rate chargeable for insurance shall be five (5) per cent. on the declared value of the article or articles.

3. Luggage must be delivered at the station at least 15 (fifteen) minutes before the departure time of the train by which the passenger desires the luggage to be carried.

If the quantity is within the free allowance, a numbered luggage check must be obtained by the passenger for each package, and the luggage labelled by the receiving porter to the passenger's destination.

If the quantity is in excess of the free allowance, excess luggage rates must be paid for the additional weight, and a receipt showing the amount paid, the number and description of packages, and the destination must be given to the passenger. The receiving porter will affix an "excess" luggage ticket to the luggage, and label each package to the passenger's destination. The receipt takes the place of the luggage check in respect of excess luggage.

4. NO EMPLOYEE OF THE COMMISSIONER has any authority to undertake charge of or any responsibility in connection with luggage left temporarily at a station unless each package has been booked at the cloak-room charges; or to place luggage in the van at the risk of the Commissioner, or to take any responsibility whatever unless the luggage has been checked or paid for at excess rates as above-mentioned.

5. PASSENGERS SHOULD SEE THEIR LUGGAGE LABELLED. claim it at the place of destination on arrival of the train, and prove the ownership by giving up the numbered check or checks for each article or the receipts for the excess rates that have been paid. All luggage unclaimed will be held by the Station-master and be forwarded to Perth, if not claimed within one month.

6. AFTER CHECKS ARE ISSUED or a receipt for excess rates given for luggage about to be carried free, no package or parcel must be delivered even temporarily, at any station to the owner thereof, unless he has returned the check or checks or the receipt for the luggage.

7. FOR ALL PURPOSES OF PROVING OWNERSHIP OR OBTAINING DELIVERY OF LUGGAGE carried free or at excess rates, the checks issued represent the articles carried free, one check for each, and receipts for excess rates represent excess luggage; but both checks and receipts are transferable, and passengers are not bound to see, in person, after their luggage, either in paying for it, checking it before it is put in the van, or on obtaining delivery. Passengers may do this through any person not an employee of the Commissioner. Luggage will not, except as hereinafter provided, be delivered unless the checks or receipts for excess rates are produced; but any person producing them will receive the luggage as and for the owner.

8. ANY PASSENGER LOSING HIS CHECKS OR RECEIPTS for excess rates will be required, before he can obtain his luggage, to make a declaration to that effect, giving the numbers of the checks and a description of the luggage; also to guarantee the Commissioner against any loss or claim from wrong delivery. And should the evidence as to the ownership appear to the Commissioner insufficient, it will be in the power of the Commissioner to detain the said luggage. No charge will be made for lost checks.

9. NO EMPLOYEE OF THE COMMISSIONER is authorised to act as an agent of the passengers in collecting checks or "excess" receipts at a station for the purpose of obtaining luggage from the guard. The passengers, personally or by their agents, must give up the checks or receipts and claim delivery.

10. PASSENGERS MUST HAVE THEIR NAMES and the station to which they are proceeding distinctly marked on their luggage, and if the luggage be left behind and forwarded by a subsequent train through neglect of this precaution, ordinary Parcels rates will be charged. To prevent mistakes, passengers should also have all old labels and addresses removed from their luggage.

11. FIRST CLASS PASSENGERS ARE ALLOWED to carry with them by the same train 112lbs., and Second Class passengers 84lbs. weight of *bona fide* passengers' luggage free of charge. Passengers holding First Class Cheap Excursion Tickets are allowed to carry, free of charge, only 56lbs., and Second Class 42lbs., of *bona fide* passengers' luggage. Half-fare passengers are only allowed half these weights.

Passengers are allowed at their own risk, free of charge, as passengers' luggage, any goods they may purchase *bona fide* for their own domestic use (other than furniture, musical instruments, or articles which the Station-master may consider objectionable), up to the usual weight allowed free, according to the class they travel.

Baby Carts (folding) and Childrens' Toy Bicycles, and Toy Perambulators, etc., accompanying passengers, free.

Photographers are allowed to carry their camera and stand, if not weighing more than 28lbs. in all, free, when travelling by rail.

Dentists' instruments and equipment, artisans and mechanics' tools, and the riding saddle of a drover, may be carried free, providing they accompany passengers, and do not exceed the weight allowed.

Bona fide sportsmen are allowed to carry game free; First Class, 56lbs.; Second Class, 42lbs., as portion of their luggage.

All excess above these weights shall be charged Parcels rates.

Messengers employed by metropolitan or suburban establishments may be allowed to carry one parcel at a time, free, as personal luggage, for delivery to people living in the suburbs. The weight shall not exceed 56lbs. Ordinary Parcel rates must be charged on any additional parcels.

No article must be placed in the carriage unless it is of such size as to admit of its being put under the seat or in the rack without inconvenience to other passengers. Heavy articles must not be placed in the rack.

12. PASSENGERS' TICKETS must be sighted by the Luggage Porter before checking luggage, and if luggage nippers are provided, the letter "L" must be nipped on the ticket, and if special nippers are not provided the letter "L" must be written on the face of the ticket in ink or indelible pencil.

Checks must not be issued to any station to which the ticket held is not available, neither must the passengers' luggage be divided by checking part of it to one station and part to another.

Passengers with luggage breaking their journey will require to have the luggage labelled accordingly before starting. The Commissioner will not be responsible for any delay or inconvenience that may occur in consequence of the neglect of passengers to observe this Regulation. If a passenger from Perth to Kalgoorlie, for example, has his luggage labelled and checked thereto, yet breaks the journey at Southern Cross, the Commissioner will not be responsible to put out his luggage there, and they will further reserve the right to charge for such luggage at parcels rates for the distance that it is carried beyond the station where the journey was broken.

13. It is optional with passengers to require checks for luggage (where such are issued) according to these conditions; but should they omit to do so, their luggage will be carried entirely at their own risk, whether lost, miscarried, or left behind.

14. All unclaimed luggage kept at a station twelve hours after its carriage by railway will be charged cloak-room rates for each package; and the Commissioner will sell the articles if unclaimed at the expiry of six months.

15. The issue of card checks does not interfere with the use of luggage labels now in force.

16. The staff at destination stations must despatch both portions of the collected luggage checks to the Lost Luggage Clerk, Perth, who, after verification, will destroy same.

17. All applications for luggage checks must be made to the Lost Luggage Clerk. The checks will be numbered progressively. Where the traffic between any two stations is sufficient to warrant it, checks may be printed with the names of both stations thereon, as for example—"PERTH to KALGOORLIE," "KALGOORLIE to PERTH," "PERTH to ALBANY," but in all other cases no station name will appear on the checks.

18. IN CASES WHERE CHECKS ARE NOT ISSUED FOR LUGGAGE that is carried free, the owner must attend at the guard's van, at the end of the journey, to claim it, and give such proof of ownership as may be considered necessary; and the Commissioner will not be liable in respect of any such luggage alleged to have been lost unless it is applied for at the termination of the journey as herein laid down, and it is shown that it was fully addressed and that it was handed to one of the Commissioner's staff at the station where the passenger commenced his journey.

WM. J. GEORGE,

Commissioner of Railways.

Central Railway Offices,
Perth, 12th October, 1906.

Approved by His Excellency in Council,

BERNARD PARKER,

Acting Clerk of the Council.

25th October, 1906.