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Midland Railway.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LINE,

DERBY, MARCH 21st, 1890.

CIRCULAR No. 558.

DEAR SIR,

ELEPHANTS.

Referring to Regulation 124 of the Coaching Arrangements Book, note that for Elephants conveyed in covered carriage trucks a charge of 1s. per mile must be made whether the truck be specially strengthened or not.

Men accompanying elephants must be charged ordinary passenger fares.

TANDEM BICYCLES AND TANDEM TRICYCLES.

The cloak-room charges and the rates for conveyance of tandem tricycles and tandem bicycles are as follows:—

Cloak-room Charges.—8d. for 2 days, viz. : day of deposit and day of removal, and if deposited for longer than 2 days, 4d. per day thereafter.

Rates for Conveyance.—

Tandem Bicycles.—50 per cent. over the charges for ordinary bicycles, *vide* Regulation 78 of the Coaching Arrangements Book.

Tandem Tricycles.—Same as Sociables, *vide* Regulation 78.

HIRE OF HAMPERS AND CLOTHS.

Referring to Regulation 99 of the Coaching Arrangements Book, when cloths are supplied to dealers *without* hampers, the charge will be 8d. for each cloth.

FOALS.

The charge for the conveyance of two foals in a horse box when the exclusive use of the box is required, must be as for one horse, plus 50 per cent., minimum charge 7s. 6d.

ICE BY PASSENGER TRAIN.

In paragraph 2 of Regulation 74 of the Coaching Arrangements Book, the word "Goods" must be erased, and the word "Passenger" substituted.

DOGS.

Regulation 120 of the Coaching Arrangements Book has been amended to read as under:—

120. (a) The following is the Scale of Charges for the conveyance of Dogs:—

Not exceeding	s.	d.	Not exceeding	s.	d.
20 miles	0	6	250 miles	5	0
30 "	0	9	300 "	6	0
40 "	1	0	350 "	6	6
80 "	1	6	400 "	7	0
100 "	2	0	450 "	7	6
130 "	2	6	500 "	8	0
150 "	3	0	550 "	8	6
200 "	4	0			

Increasing at the rate of 6d. for each additional 50 miles or part of 50 miles.

Between Local Stations for distances not exceeding 10 miles the charge is 3d., unless the Dog be unaccompanied by a passenger, in which case the charge is 6d.

Dogs conveyed in horse-boxes are charged the Dog-rate, with a minimum charge as for one Horse for each stall occupied.

(b.) The following is the scale of charges for the conveyance of dogs (singly) in cases, crates, or hampers, when the gross weight of the package and contents exceeds 1 cwt. :—

Distance not exceeding	Above 1 cwt. and not exc. 1½ cwt.	Above 1½ cwt. and not exc. 2 cwt.	Above 2 cwt. and not exc. 2½ cwt.	Above 2½ cwt. and not exc. 3 cwt.	Above 3 cwt. and not exc. 3½ cwt.	Above 3½ cwt. and not exc. 4 cwt.	Above 4 cwt. and not exc. 4½ cwt.	Above 4½ cwt. and not exc. 5 cwt.
20 miles	-/8	-/9	-/11	1/-	1/2	1/3	1/5	1/6
30 „	1/-	1/2	1/4	1/6	1/9	1/11	2/1	2/3
40 „	1/3	1/6	1/9	2/-	2/3	2/6	2/9	3/-
80 „	1/11	2/3	2/8	3/-	3/5	3/9	4/2	4/8
100 „	2/6	3/-	3/6	4/-	4/6	5/-	5/6	6/-
130 „	3/2	3/9	4/5	5/-	5/8	6/3	6/11	7/6
150 „	3/9	4/6	5/3	6/-	6/9	7/6	8/3	9/-
200 „	5/-	6/-	7/-	8/-	9/-	10/-	11/-	12/-
250 „	6/3	7/6	8/9	10/-	11/3	12/6	13/9	15/-
300 „	7/6	9/-	10/6	12/-	13/6	15/-	16/6	18/-
Each additional 50 miles or part of 50 miles ...	-/7½	-/9	-/10½	1/-	1/1½	1/3	1/4½	1/6

Fractions of a Penny to be charged as a Penny.

Note.—Two or more dogs in one package are charged at the single rate per dog as per scale under clause (a), whether the gross weight be under or over 1 cwt. ; but if the gross weight amounts to more than 1 cwt. per dog, the charge must be calculated according to scale in clause (b) at the weight per dog.

Clauses (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g), remain unaltered as shown in the Regulation.

HOCKEY CLUBS.

Note that Hockey Clubs have been included in clause (f) of Regulation 12 of the Coaching Arrangements Book.

GOLDEN VALLEY RAILWAY.

Note that four-wheeled stock only can run over the above line from Hay.

Also note with regard to Regulation 16 of the Coaching Arrangements Book, the Golden Valley Co. require fares equivalent in amount to not less than the sum of seven 1st class fares (five of such tickets to be 1st class) for through Saloon, Family, or Invalid Carriages, to places on their line, except Pontifras, to which station the provisions of Regulation 16 apply.

INSURANCE OF PARCELS WITH PLACES IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

Note that the Isle of Wight must be considered as coming under the column of the Scale of Insurance Charges, which commences "Between all places in Great Britain."

COLLECTION AND DELIVERY OF PARCELS TRAFFIC IN DIDSBUY AND DISTRICT.

Parcels for Parris Wood, Didsbury, Withington, Fallowfield, Rusholme, and Longsight, should be entered to the Didsbury Station, from whence they will be delivered by the Company's own carts.

ARCHERY, &c., CLUBS.

When application is made for reduced fare ticket for the Members of Archery, &c., Clubs, named in clause (f) of Regulation 12 of the Coaching Arrangements Book, the Secretary of the Club must be required to produce a certificate showing when, where, and with what other Club the match will be played.

CONVEYANCE OF HOMING PIGEONS.

Special care must be exercised in handling hampers and baskets containing Homing Pigeons, sent by train for liberation at stations. The packages must not, under any circumstances, be tilted. They must be so placed in the Guards' Vans, as will admit of the birds getting as much air as possible. Luggage or other articles must not be allowed to rest upon hampers containing live birds.

Station Masters to whom pigeons for liberation are consigned, must see that the birds are liberated clear of station buildings and telegraph wires. If the weather is bad, sender's instructions with regard to the liberation of the birds should be followed. In the event of several consignments of pigeons arriving at a station at the same time, from different directions, care must be taken that they are not liberated simultaneously, but that one set of birds is out of sight before another set is liberated.

Senders must pay carriage of pigeons, also for return empty baskets.

REFUSED PARCELS.

In the event of a consignee absolutely refusing to receive a parcel tendered to him, the sending station must be advised without delay, and after such advice has been given the parcel must not be delivered to the original consignee without further instructions from the sending station, who must communicate with sender. Such parcels must in no case be returned to sending station until instructions have been received from that station.

If consignee tenders a consignment, ordering the parcels to be returned or otherwise disposed of, he must first sign the delivery book, and pay the carriage incurred for the forward journey, otherwise his re-consignment must not be accepted (*vide* Regulation 52 of the Coaching Arrangements Book).

BICYCLES FOR STATIONS ON THE L. & S. W. RAILWAY.

The L. and S. W. Company have withdrawn their notice of dissent to paragraph 78 of the Coaching Traffic Arrangements Book, and in future Bicycles, unpacked, may be entered through to Stations on the L. and S. W. Railway, except those competitive with the L. B. & S. C. Company.

PARCELS FOR BRIGHTON.

Attention is called to paragraph in Circular 501, of February 27th, 1888, respecting parcels for West Brighton being entered to Brighton, as Stations are not acting up to these instructions. Parcels for following Stations unless addressed "Till called for," must also be entered to Brighton :—

London Road | Lewes Road | Kemp Town | Preston Park

OPENING OF NEW STATIONS, ALTERATIONS OF NAMES OF STATIONS, &c.

Note the following :—

West Worthing Station (L. B. & S. C.) opened for Passenger traffic.

New line opened by G. W. Co. for Passenger traffic between Kemble Junction and Tetbury, the stations being Culkerton and Tetbury. Enter these Stations on your Great Western Route list, the routes being the same as to Kemble.

Lanarkshire and Ayrshire Co.'s new Branch (worked by the Caledonian Co.), opened for Passenger traffic to Kilbirnie, the stations being Glengarnock and Kilbirnie.

Ynysybwl station (Taff Vale) opened for Passenger traffic.

Nottingham Suburban Railway (worked by G. N. Co.) opened for Passenger traffic, the stations being Thorneywood, St. Ann's Well, and Sherwood.

"Crowcombe Heathfield" station has been altered to "Crowcombe."

"Wavertree Road" (C. L.) has been altered to "Wavertree and Edge Hill."

Keep this Circular, affix it in your Order Book, and acknowledge receipt of it on annexed form.

Yours truly,

W. L. MUGLISTON,

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LINE.

Mr. _____

Station.