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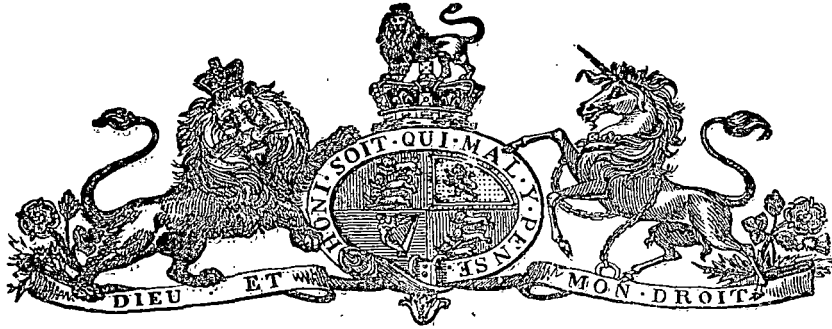
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M A I N R O A D S :

GENERAL RULES.

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GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

No. 259.

“THE ROADS ACT, 1884.”

Public Works Office, 7th September, 1885.

THE Governor in Council has, in pursuance of the powers conferred by “The Roads Act, 1884,” framed the following General Rules with reference to Main Roads.

By His Excellency's Command,

NICHOLAS J. BROWN.

1. Money required by the Board of any District for the purposes of such District shall be applied for in writing during the first Fourteen days of the month of March, June, September, and December in any year, and such application shall specify in detail the purposes to which such money is proposed to be applied; and such sum as the Commissioner approves shall be deposited to the credit of the Board by its proper name, in some Bank by the Treasurer during the first fourteen days of the months of April, July, October, and January following the receipt of such application, and no money so deposited shall be withdrawn except by cheque signed by the Chairman and one other Member of the Board, and countersigned by the officer who keeps the accounts of the Board.

2. No money shall be deposited in any Bank to the credit of any District Board if such Board has neglected to comply with the provisions of Section 12 of the said Act.

3. No application for any money shall be entertained by the Commissioner, if a sum equal to one-fourth part of any money previously deposited shall be unexpended when such additional money is applied for.

4. Any money deposited as aforesaid shall be expended by the District Board according to the proposal contained in the application for such money; but if it shall appear to the Commissioner, on the report of any Inspector, that it would be to the advantage and benefit of any Main Road that the moneys at the disposal of the District Board should be disbursed in any other locality or in any different manner to that proposed by the Board, then it shall be competent for the Commissioner to direct the Board to make such alteration in the locality and nature of expenditure as the Commissioner may require, and the Board shall obey the direction of the Commissioner.

5. A sum of One Shilling per mile shall be allowed to any Member or Officer of any District Board for his travelling expenses when engaged upon the business of the Board, and shall be paid, upon the certificate of the Chairman, out of the moneys at the disposal of the Board; and when any such sum shall be payable to the Chairman, then such sum shall be paid upon the certificate of any other Member of the Board.

6. Every District Board may appropriate for the salaries or remuneration of the Officers of the Board any sum not exceeding Five Pounds per centum of the whole amount deposited as aforesaid in any year.

7. Roads and bridges which form the boundary or part of the boundary of adjoining Districts shall be constructed and maintained by a Sub-Board, which shall consist of Three Members, who shall be elected by and at a meeting of the District Boards of such adjoining districts from the Members of such District Boards, at a time and place to be appointed by the Commissioner, and the cost of such construction and

maintenance shall be defrayed in equal proportion out of the moneys at the disposal of such District Boards. One Member of such Sub-Board shall be elected by such Board to be Chairman, and such Chairman shall exercise all the powers conferred by and be subject to the said Act and these Rules.

8. The Accounts of each District Board shall be kept in such manner and shall be furnished to the Colonial Auditor at such periods and in such form as he may require, subject to the provisions of the Acts in force relating to the Audit of Public Accounts.

9. District Boards may invite tenders for works and enter into contracts for same, subject to the provisions of Section 19 of the said Act. Before, however, any contract amounting to £25 or upwards is entered into, the provisions of the Section referred to as to advertising for tenders and the approval of the Commissioner must be strictly complied with.

10. Every District Board shall from time to time clear away, as occasion may require, all scrub, trees, rubbish, or other matter which may be likely, in the opinion of any Inspector, to endanger the safety of any bridge in the case of any fire or flood upon, under, or near such bridge; and if any District Board shall, upon being so required by any Inspector, neglect or refuse to comply with such request, then such Inspector may cause such work to be done, and the cost of so doing shall be deducted by the Commissioner out of any money then payable or thereafter to become payable to such District Board.

11. Every person who shall be guilty of any of the following offences shall for every such offence incur a penalty not exceeding Five Pounds:—

Riding upon or driving any horse, driving any cattle, or any vehicle having any horse or animal attached thereto, upon, over, or along any timber bridge (except when the deck or floor of such bridge is covered with road metal), at a greater rate than a walking pace.

12. The width of the tire of every wheel of any vehicle used upon any Main Road shall be of the following dimensions; that is to say,—such tire shall be of the width of one inch for every Five hundred lbs. weight or part thereof carried upon the wheel, and exclusive of the weight of the vehicle: for example, a two-wheeled vehicle with $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch tires may carry a total weight of 2500 lbs., being 500 lbs. for every inch of tire, and proportionately with four-wheeled vehicles. The following shall be the standard weights and measurements for the purpose of determining loads carried on the Main Roads in all kinds of two and four-wheeled vehicles; and every person who is guilty of any breach of this Rule shall for every offence incur a penalty not exceeding Five Pounds:—

A reputed 4-bushel sack of wheat shall be deemed to weigh 240 lbs. avoirdupois.

A reputed 4-bushel sack of barley shall be deemed to weigh 200 lbs. avoirdupois.

A reputed 4-bushel sack of oats shall be deemed to weigh 160 lbs. avoirdupois.

A reputed 4-bushel sack of potatoes shall be deemed to weigh 2 cwts. avoirdupois.

A reputed 3-bushel sack or soujee bag of potatoes shall be deemed to weigh 1½ cwts. avoirdupois.

100 superficial feet of hardwood timber shall be deemed to weigh 430 lbs. avoirdupois.

1 cubic foot of hardwood timber shall be deemed to weigh 54 lbs. avoirdupois.

100 superficial feet of deal, pine, Oregon, or other soft wood shall be deemed to weigh 376 lbs. avoirdupois.

1 cubic foot of Baltic or other soft wood timber shall be deemed to weigh 42 lbs. avoirdupois.

Minerals in bags, for transshipment, not exceeding 14 inches in length, 10 inches by 6 inches, shall be deemed to weigh 100 lbs. avoirdupois.

330 bricks shall be deemed to weigh 1 ton avoirdupois.

1 cubic foot of bricks shall be deemed to weigh 130 lbs. avoirdupois.

1 cubic foot of sand shall be deemed to weigh 100 lbs. avoirdupois.

6 casks of cement shall be deemed to weigh 1 ton avoirdupois.

15 cubic feet of solid building stone shall be deemed to weigh 1 ton avoirdupois.

1 cubic foot of stone, broken to 2-inch gauge, shall be deemed to weigh 118 lbs. avoirdupois.

55 cubic feet of firewood shall be deemed to weigh 1 ton avoirdupois.

1 gallon of liquid shall be deemed to weigh, irrespective of the cask, 10 lbs. avoirdupois.

1 cubic foot of cast iron shall be deemed to weigh 444 lbs. avoirdupois.

1 superficial foot of cast iron, 1 inch thick, shall be deemed to weigh 37 lbs. avoirdupois.

1 cubic foot of wrought iron shall be deemed to weigh 480 lbs. avoirdupois.

1 superficial foot of wrought iron, 1 inch thick, shall be deemed to weigh 40 lbs. avoirdupois.

Large sized boilers and machinery are exempted from the provisions of this Rule.

13. With a view to enforcing Rule No. 12, the Engineer of Roads, or any District Inspector or Sub-Inspector of Roads or other person employed under or authorised by him, is empowered to stop all loaded vehicles of any description for the purpose of ascertaining the weight of the load carried thereon; and the refusal of any driver or person in charge of such vehicle to stop when required for this purpose shall be deemed a breach of these Regulations.

14. No dray, waggon, or other vehicle used for the transport or carriage of goods or passengers shall be allowed to travel on any Main Road without a proper and efficient brake power; and such brake power shall be applied on all vehicles when travelling over a descending grade. No wheeled vehicle will be allowed to travel off the metalled portion of any Main Road.

15. All previous Rules are hereby rescinded, save as to offences committed prior to these Rules coming into force.