

(C. 397.)

Board of Trade, Whitehall, March 26, 1868.

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Dantzig, reporting the following reduction of Harbour Dues at Dantzig and Neufahrwasser, which came into operation on the 1st instant :—

PORT OF DANTZIG AND HARBOUR OF NEUFAHRWASSER PORT CHARGES.

Per Prussian Last	Prussian Silvergroschen.	
	Former Charges.	Present Charges from 1st March, 1868.
1. Harbour dues on ships laden inwards	8	4
2. Harbour dues on ships laden with tiles, slate, granite, gypsum, lime, paving stones, or bricks of all kinds, chalk, clay, or drain clay, seaweed, seasand, peat, coke, coals, rock cement, sulphur, and salt	8	2
3. Harbour dues on ships in ballast, inwards	4	2
4. Ditto on ships laden, outwards :	8	4
5. Ditto on ships in ballast, outwards	4	2

The above charges apply to all vessels of upwards of 40 lasts (60 tons); those of less burden pay only a half.

All river dues and tolls for passing draw-bridges are reduced by one-half.

Ships calling for orders, or in search of freight, are in future free from port charges.

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THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, an extract from the Moniteur containing an Imperial Decree, relative to the lowering of the Tariffs on the transport of cereals; as well as a notice of the Minister of Commerce on the same subject.

The Articles of the Decree, dated 14th March, 1868, are as follows :—

ART. 1. Railway Companies who shall lower their tariffs for the transport of corn, wheat-flour, rye-flour, buck-wheat and rye, prior to the 1st April, 1868, shall have the power of raising them again, within the maximum limit authorized by the conditions, without waiting for the expiration of the legal delay of one year. The duration, however, of the tariffs thus lowered, shall not be less than four months.

ART. 2. The Companies shall not be compelled to make use of any formality, such as posting notices previous to the application of the reduced rates; but they must give the public notice, by means of notices, one week beforehand, when they wish to raise the duties again after the expiration of the four months above mentioned.

The notice of the Minister of Commerce is to the following effect :—

On the chemins de fers du Nord, de l'Est, de l'Ouest, de l'Orléans, de Paris à la Méditerranée et du Rhône au Mont Cenis, du Midi et des Charentes, from the 20th March to the 15th August, 1868, the price for the transport of grain shall be :—

For distance up to 200 kilomètres ... 0	06	Per ton and per kilomètre.
For distance of more than 200 up to 400 kilomètres 0	05	Per ton and per kilomètre, provided that the charge shall not be less than 12 francs per ton, cost of lading, unlading, and station not comprised
For distances of more than 400 up to 800 kilomètres 0	04	
For distances of more than 800 kilomètres 0	035	Per ton and per kilomètre, provided that the charge shall not be less than 20 francs per ton, cost of lading, unlading, and station comprised
		Per ton and per kilomètre, provided that the charge shall not be less than 32 francs per ton, cost of lading, of unlading, and station not comprised

Accessory Expenses.

1. Registration 10 centimes per journey.

2. Cost of "manutention" 1 fr. 50 cts. per ton, comprising the station costs at the points of transfer.

The charges of the present general tariff shall only be applicable, provided that the sender shall have made an express demand to that effect in his declaration. In default of this previous demand, the transport shall be subjected, in respect of duty, to the charges and conditions of the tariff usually in force with the several Companies.