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W.B.N.

Find out from railways

- ① Rate for parcels on R.M.S. route
- ② Timetable for 2-cent route
- ③ Then we can take it up

One point would appear to be that whether or not the bus leaves immediately after the train comes in it is ~~crowded~~ ~~over-crowded~~. ~~Does this mean~~

2nd point is the ~~same~~ inconvenience for railway passengers

3rd point is that, even though the Committee shows a comparison between railway & bus rate for parcels, there seems to be overcharge for parcels. Great people take a 4 lb parcel on their knees on the bus without being charged?

So what we want is

- (a) Another bus to meet train — but NB does all train traffic justify this other bus?
- (b) Find out about parcel rate etc

Buses to be economic must make many journeys. A bus can't just make one journey a day & pay its way.

*(Signature)*

Mr White,

1. They are made to pay for parcels weighing as little as 4 lbs when they board 'buses at Zessust.
2. The Johannesburg - travelling train arrives at Zessust at 3 am, and the passengers have to wait until 7 am before they can get a railway 'busto Borakalalo.
3. The 'bus to Dinokaneng serves four very big villages and is thus always over-crowded many passengers having to stand all the way including sick persons and women with children on their backs.

Mr Moswela, an employee of the University would like us to take up this matter with the Railway authorities.

FMB

Mr. Turgay of the S.A. Railways 'phoned to-day  
and advised as follows:-

1. They have only a limited number of reserved saloons in service.
2. If all Native schools in Natal closed on the same day, they cannot make suitable provision.
3. Railways suggest that we or Adams College or Natal Education Department should apply for the staggering of the closing dates. Railways wd welcome this.
4. He suggested I write to them explaining the position. They will then suggest "staggering" & we could then approach the Educational authorities; giving a copy of the letter I have written.
5. They also instructed the Railway Agents at Amazintoti to explain the position to the Principal of Adams College. They have done so. The Principal apparently said that they could not contemplate a different closing date for this year.

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