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In preparing this essay it has been the aim of the writer to treat the subject in a scientific way, showing how the economic laws apply to classification of freight, and at the same time use terms and illustrations that can be understood and appreciated by a layman. If the reader should at times feel a lack of definiteness, he must remember that freight rates have not as yet been reduced to an exact science, and no general and positive rules can be made. Each and every case must be considered by itself and the rate fixed after a weighing of all factors involved.

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