## 1889. NEW ZEALAND.

## COST OF MAIL-MATTER BY SAN FRANCISCO AND DIRECT MAIL SERVICES.

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated the 20th August, 1889.

Ordered, "That a return be laid before this House showing the estimated cost per pound for carriage of mailmatter by the San Francisco service, based upon (1) present subsidy, including bonus; (2) subsidy of £15,000, without bonus; (3) subsidy of £10,000, without bonus. Also cost per pound of mail matter by the direct steam mail service, including bonus."—(Mr. Ross.)

Return showing the Estimated Cost per Pound for the Carriage of Mail-matter by the San Francisco Service, based upon (1) present Subsidy, including Bonus; (2) Subsidy of £15,000, without Bonus; (3) Subsidy of £10,000, without Bonus. Also Cost per Pound of Mail-matter conveyed by the Direct Contract Service, including Bonus.

## SAN FRANCISCO SERVICE.

<del></del>	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.
Total weights carried	 Lb. oz. $19,313$ $6\frac{1}{2}$	L.b oz. 59,330 11	Lb. oz. 248,880 10
	 Cost per Pound.	Cost per Pound.	Cost per Pound.
<ol> <li>Present subsidy, £25,990, including bonus</li> <li>Subsidy of £15,000, without bonus</li> <li>Subsidy of £10,000, without bonus</li> </ol>	 s. d. 18 8·87 10 9·78 7 2·52	s. d. 1 1·31 0 7·68 0 5·12	s. d. 0 4·44 0 2·56 0 1·71

## DIRECT CONTRACT SERVICE.

	Letters.		Books.	Newspapers.
Total weights carried		Lb. oz. 10,762 7	Lb. oz. $35,779  1\frac{3}{4}$	Lb. foz. 141,201 9½
		Cost per Pound.	Cost per Pound.	Cost per Pound.
Present subsidy, £19,661, including bonus	•••	s. d. 25 1·17	s. d. 1 5·83	s. d. 0 5·94

The above estimates are based on weights of mails carried by the respective routes in 1888. 21st August, 1889. W. Gray.

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