

ment of New South Wales have had recently under consideration the questions relating to the Vancouver service, we have intimated to them also that we are prepared to extend our service from San Francisco to Vancouver, and so insure a satisfactory connection with the latter port for the development of trade between Canada and the colonies.

It occurs to me that if there is any probability of the New Zealand and New South Wales Governments working together in the matter this service could be secured on terms, embracing both the San Francisco and Vancouver connection, which would make the burden lighter for both colonies.

The Hon. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

JAMES MILLS.

### No. 52.

The Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington, to the Hon. the PREMIER, Ottawa.

(Telegram.)

General Post Office, Wellington 29th July, 1895.

VANCOUVER Mail Service.—Parliament to be asked for £20,000 per annum for term of years. Main steamers call Auckland or Wellington. What will be the charges conveyance mails across Canada? What rates Atlantic? Hope your Government give free overland transit pending decision Postal Union Congress, 1897, on general question continental transit of forward mails.

### No. 53.

The Hon. the PREMIER, Ottawa, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Ottawa, 30th July, 1895.

ATLANTIC rate Letters, post-cards, 5 francs kilogramme other matter 50 centimes kilogramme. Will grant land transit free until 31st December, 1897, pending negotiations.

[For proceedings on the Canadian Pacific Mail-service at the Conference held in Ottawa in June, 1894, see paper A.-5, 1895, pp. 8 and 9.]

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