

No. 10.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the MANAGING DIRECTOR, Union Steam Ship Company, Dunedin.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 23rd June, 1898.

Referring to your telegrams of the 9th, 10th, and 17th instant [not printed], in connection with the proposed change of sailing-day of the steamer conveying the mails from Auckland for despatch from Wellington *via* Vancouver, I have the honour to confirm my telegram of yesterday [not printed], informing you that the Postmaster-General had agreed to the substitution of Monday for Tuesday for the departure of the steamer from Auckland; the change to take place from next month.

I have, &c.,

The Managing Director, Union Steam Ship Company
of New Zealand (Limited), Dunedin.

W. GRAY, Secretary.

VANCOUVER MAIL-SERVICE.

PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTION BY IMPERIAL POST OFFICE.

No. 11.

The GENERAL MANAGER, New Zealand Shipping Company, Christchurch, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

New Zealand Shipping Company (Limited), Christchurch,

4th August, 1898.

SIR,—

Referring to your letter of 28th April, addressed to the Deputy Postmaster-General, Ottawa, which appears in the printed correspondence on the ocean mail-services submitted to Parliament [No. 152, F.-6, 1898], I have the honour to ask whether the Canadian Postmaster-General has consented to pay to the Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Steamship Company the amount of the Postal Union sea-rates which he has received from the Imperial Government on correspondence for New Zealand forwarded by the mail-service *via* Vancouver.

I have, &c.,

ISAAC GIBBS,

General Manager.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

No. 12.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the GENERAL MANAGER, New Zealand Shipping Company, Christchurch.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 8th August, 1898.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, asking whether the Canadian Postmaster-General had consented to pay to the Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Steamship Company the amount of the Postal Union sea-rates received from the Imperial Government on correspondence for New Zealand *via* Vancouver, and, in reply, to inform you that so far the Canadian Government has not agreed to make the payment.

I have, &c.,

W. GRAY, Secretary.

The General Manager for the Colonies, New Zealand Shipping
Company (Limited), Christchurch.

PACIFIC, CANADIAN, AND UNITED STATES TRANSIT.—ARRANGEMENT OF TIME-TABLE.

[Read here No. 2.]

No. 13.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 9th June, 1898.

“AORANGI” arrived Vancouver 18th May—day early—yet mails reached London three days late. Can you explain delay?

No. 14.

The RESIDENT AGENT for NEW ZEALAND, San Francisco, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

SIR,—

San Francisco, 11th June, 1898.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your communications of the 15th April and the 5th May [not printed], with enclosures. The result of my trip over the Canadian-Pacific were contained in my letter of the 19th ultimo [see No. 188, F.-6, 1898]. I have received the revised code for the notification of arrivals and departure of the contract mail-steamers at this port, and your instructions will receive the necessary attention in future.

I also beg to acknowledge receipt of your cable of the 9th instant, reading as follows: “Proceed Vancouver. Accompany mails due sixteenth through to New York. Determine where mails