

No. 2.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington, to the Local Manager, New Zealand Shipping Company, Wellington.

SIR,— General Post Office, Wellington, 18th January, 1898.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, stating that your Company had received advice from London to the effect that a petition had been presented to the Court for an order to wind up the Canadian-Australian Steamship Company, and that, in the event of this being decided upon, the New Zealand Shipping Company would continue the service without interruption, in conjunction with the mortgagee.

I am, &c.,

The Local Manager, New Zealand Shipping Company
(Limited), Wellington.

W. GRAY, Secretary.

No. 3.

The Agent-General to the Hon. the Premier.

(Telegram.)

London, 8th February, 1898.

Vancouver service: Official receiver asks me to inform the New Zealand Government that, order having been made wind up Canadian-Australian Steamship Company, he has been provisionally appointed liquidator, and has appointed the New Zealand Shipping Company sole agents for New Zealand, with power, *inter alia*, receive subsidies from the New Zealand Government.

No. 4.

The General Manager, New Zealand Shipping Company, Christchurch, to the Local Manager, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 4th March, 1898.

INFORM Mr. Gray London cables arrangements have been made release "Miowera" to sail about 6th instant. Continue booking passengers and cargo. No intention stopping service. Canadian Agent-General arranging pay subsidies liquidator. No cause for anxiety regarding continuation Vancouver service.

No. 5.

The General Manager, New Zealand Shipping Company, Christchurch, to the Local Manager, Wellington.

(Extract.)

Christchurch, 13th March, 1898.

On 10th instant London cabled us as follows: "Canadian-Australian Company, legal formalities completed. Cowan is confirmed as liquidator. Regular service will be now efficiently maintained. "Aorangi" arrived 5th instant; she averaged nearly fourteen knots per hour.

No. 6.

The General Manager, New Zealand Shipping Company, Christchurch, to the Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

The New Zealand Shipping Company (Limited),
Christchurch, 10th May, 1898.

SIR,—

Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Steamship Company.

We beg to advise you that we are in receipt of advices from Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co. (Limited), managers of this company in New South Wales, as follows: "We are pleased to inform you that the Government in this colony have now agreed to pay us the subsidies due to the line under the contract made to the line by Mr. James Huddart, and assigned by him to the Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Steamship Company. We understand that the New Zealand Government will act similarly to New South Wales. Should this matter not be already arranged, you might inform them that the Government of this colony is now paying the subsidies to us."

We shall be glad to hear from you that your Government will take up a similar position with regard to this matter as that taken by the New South Wales Government.

Yours, &c.,

ISAAC GIBBS, General Manager for Colonies.

W. Gray, Esq., Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

No. 7.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington, to the General Manager, New Zealand Shipping Company, Christchurch.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 21st May, 1898.

I have the honour to enclose for examination rough statements showing the running and earnings of the Vancouver mail steamers from the commencement of the service by the "Miowera" from Wellington for Vancouver on the 11th December last up to the arrival of that vessel from Vancouver at Wellington on the 5th instant.

I am, &c.,

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

W. GRAY, Secretary.