

No. 24.

MEMORANDUM of agreement, made this fifteenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and four, between the Honourable Sir Joseph George Ward, as Postmaster-General of New Zealand, and acting as described in certain articles of agreement for carriage of mails between the Ports of Auckland, in the Colony of New Zealand, and San Francisco, in the United States of America, dated the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and two, of the one part, and the J. D. Spreckels and Brothers Company as designated and described in the same articles of agreement of the other part:

Witnesseth that, in order to give effect to certain resolutions passed by the House of Representatives of New Zealand on or about the thirteenth day of November last past, so far as the same relate to the San Francisco mail-service provided for in the said articles of agreement, it is hereby mutually agreed between the parties hereto that the said articles of agreement shall be and the same are hereby deemed to have continued in force, and are hereby continued and extended for the period of three years from the tenth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and three; the service under this present memorandum of agreement being deemed to have commenced with the despatch of the "Ventura" from Auckland on the thirteenth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and three:

And it is hereby mutually declared and agreed that all the terms and provisions of the said articles of agreement shall be and be deemed to be operative in respect of these presents, and the extended period hereby agreed upon, and the services hereby intended to be provided for with any such modifications as may be necessary to render the same effective.

In witness whereof the Postmaster-General hath hereunto set his hand and seal, and the company hath hereunto caused its common seal to be affixed, the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the Honourable Sir Joseph George Ward, as Postmaster-General of New Zealand, in the presence of—

J. G. WARD. [L.S.]

W. GRAY,
Secretary, Post and Telegraph Department.

The common seal of the J. D. Spreckels and Brothers Company was hereunto affixed in the presence of—

J. D. SPRECKELS AND BROS. COMPANY
(JOHN D. SPRECKELS).

F. S. SAMUELS.

[Seal of the Company.]

No. 25.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to Messrs. HENDERSON AND MACFARLANE, Auckland.

GENTLEMEN,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 15th April, 1904.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant [not printed], forwarding one copy of the agreement for the continuance of the mail-service between Auckland and San Francisco, duly signed and sealed on behalf of the J. D. Spreckels and Bros. Company.

Messrs. Henderson and Macfarlane, Auckland.

I have, &c.,
W. GRAY, Secretary.

No. 26.

The Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, London.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 20th April, 1904.

I have the honour to inform you that the memorandum of agreement between this Department and the J. D. Spreckels and Bros. Company for a continuance of the mail-service between Auckland and San Francisco for the period of three years from the 10th November, 1903, has been duly completed.

I have, &c.,

The Secretary, General Post Office, London.

W. GRAY,
For the Postmaster-General.

[Letter of same text addressed to Mr. H. Stephenson Smith, Resident Agent, San Francisco.]

No. 27.

The Hon. the PRIME MINISTER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 30th April, 1904.

I have the honour to forward herewith two copies of the memorandum of agreement, duly completed, for the continuance of the mail-service between Auckland and San Francisco for the period of three years from the 10th November, 1903.

I have, &c.,

J. G. WARD,

For the Prime Minister.

The Hon. W. P. Reeves, Agent-General for New Zealand, London.