

We think that this matter may have to be referred to London, but we will communicate with you on the point before the next San Francisco mail goes out. In the meantime we may say that we are a little surprised to find that it is intended to make the new scale apply to parcels carried for quarter ended 30th September; but perhaps these are special instructions from the London office.

Yours, &c.,

LEVIN AND CO. (LIMITED),

A. E. PEARCE, Managing Director.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

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No. 69.

The AGENTS, Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company (Limited), Wellington, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

SIR,—

Wellington, 21st November, 1905.

Referring again to our letter of the 8th instant, regarding the parcels carried by Shaw-Savill's steamers between New Zealand and London and *vice versa*, we placed the matter before our principals in London by the last outgoing San Francisco mail, and will leave them to deal with the London Post Office.

Yours, &c.,

LEVIN AND CO. (LIMITED),

A. E. PEARCE, Managing Director.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

No. 70.

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

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 25th November, 1905.

Adverting to my letter of the 19th ultimo, on the above subject, I have now the honour to inform you that the General Manager of the New Zealand Shipping Company states that he is forwarding copy of the letter to him from this office to his London office, with a request that arrangements be made with your office for the carriage in future of parcels from London to New Zealand by vessels of that company.

The agents of the Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company here have placed the matter before their principals in London, leaving them to communicate with you.

Both companies consider that the new scale should not apply to parcels conveyed during the quarter ended the 30th September last, and they have been informed that should your office agree to pay the 2d. per pound rate to this colony it will be handed over to the companies instead of the reduced rates being applied.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ROSE, for the Postmaster-General.

The Secretary, General Post Office, London.

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No. 71.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the AGENTS, Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company, Wellington.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 25th November, 1905.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letters of the 8th and 21st instant, on the subject of the rate of payment for parcels conveyed by the Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company's steamers between London and New Zealand.

I note that you consider that the new scale should not apply to parcels carried during the quarter ended the 30th September, and have to inform you that the matter will be brought under the notice of the London Post Office. Should that office agree to pay the former rate to this colony for the September quarter this will be paid over to your company instead of the reduced rates being applied.

Yours, &c.,

THOMAS ROSE, for Secretary.

The Managing Director, Messrs. Levin and Co. (Limited),

Agents Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company (Limited), Wellington.

No. 72.

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

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 25th November, 1905.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, on the subject of the rate of payment for parcels conveyed by your company's steamers between London and New Zealand.

I note that you consider that the new scale should not apply to parcels carried during the quarter ended the 30th September, and have to inform you that the matter will be brought under the notice of the London Post Office. Should that office agree to pay the former rate to this colony for the September quarter, this will be paid over to your company instead of the reduced rates being applied.

Yours, &c.,

THOMAS ROSE, for Secretary.

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