

No. 19.

Messrs. HENDERSON AND MACFARLANE, Auckland, to the ACTING-SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 23rd April, 1906.

WILL cable Spreckels *re* Mail Agents. Referring to that portion of your telegram reading that unless anything more definite received within next day or two doubtful if it will be advisable to send anything for Europe by "Sierra," we think you would be well advised to despatch mail by "Sierra" as usual, considering that our head office points out that the railroad connections are intact. There is really no good reason why outward mails should be diverted.

No. 20.

The Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER to the HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 23rd April, 1906.

MAIL which left London seventh now traced and diverted to Vancouver. Our Mail Agents safe.

No. 21.

The ACTING-SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the GENERAL MANAGER, Union Steam Ship Company, Dunedin.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 23rd April, 1906.

GLAD to inform you that since I sent my last telegram have heard from Mail Agent, who is safe. He is taking mails north to Vancouver. Will wire you in morning about arrangements.

No. 22.

The ACTING-SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to CHIEF POSTMASTERS throughout New Zealand.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 23rd April, 1906.

SAILINGS of steamers from San Francisco temporarily suspended. Am endeavouring to divert mail which should have left there on 19th by way of Vancouver, but fear little chance of arranging this, as there is no telegraphic communication open yet. Advise public.

No. 23.

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

(Telegram.)

Washington, D.C., 24th April, 1906.

MAIL AGENTS reported safe. They accompany New Zealand mails from San Francisco 19th, to connect steamer "Moana," Vancouver 27th, and will endeavour to have vessel touch Auckland.

No. 24.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 24th April, 1906.

OUR Mail Agents safe, and report mails being taken on to Vancouver to connect with "Moana." As regards inward mail, we cabled London yesterday asking that everything this week should be sent *via* Brindisi. This would mean that one inward mail *via* San Francisco is missed. Understand, however, from Mail Agent's telegram that intention is to drop out one trip of your steamers only. Your telegram said "temporarily suspended." Kindly ascertain quickly whether "Sonoma" can be absolutely depended upon to leave San Francisco on May 10th.

No. 25.

Messrs. HENDERSON AND MACFARLANE, Auckland, to the ACTING-SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 24th April, 1906.

PLEASED to hear Mail Agents safe. Have wired San Francisco to inform us definitely if "Sonoma" leaves tenth May. We believe she or "Ventura" will leave without doubt. You need not hesitate about sending mails "Sierra."