

No. 45.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 27th April, 1906.

ACTING Postmaster-General, while thanking you for offer to arrange for "Moana" to touch at Auckland, has decided under all the circumstances your offer is to be declined, and the original intention to send "Tutanekai" to be carried out.

No. 46.

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

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 27th April, 1906.

REGRET Acting Postmaster-General not favourable to proposal "Moana" call; and in view of proposal in connection with Canadian-Australian service calling New Zealand, am cabling Premier suggesting advisability reconsidering. You will recognise this is a policy matter, and not traversing Department's decision *re* delivering "Moana's" mails.

No. 47.

The Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER to the ACTING POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 27th April, 1906.

HAVE sent following telegram to Mr. Holdsworth, General Manager, Union Company, Dunedin: "Re 'Moana' coming to New Zealand. Prefer she should do so, but amount asked by Union Company under the circumstances considered excessive. Have advised Acting Postmaster-General to offer you what it will cost us to send 'Tutanekai,' and I think it is advisable you should accept. Government have no desire (quite the reverse) to intervene, and, your company having taken action, I prefer to have the arrangements consummated; otherwise I fully realise the position your company will be placed in at having taken the initiative.

No. 48.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 27th April, 1906.

How is it proposed to provide for outward trip to San Francisco on 25th May? Have you yet heard from Mr. Spreckels whether "Sonoma" will leave San Francisco on 10th May? We must get reply within next day or two, as, if running from San Francisco is to be resumed, we have to provide for Mail Agents to bring down the mail which should leave San Francisco on 21st June.

No. 49.

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

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 27th April, 1906.

WE cabled Messrs. Spreckels last Tuesday, asking for definite information as to sailing of "Sonoma." Should have reply any moment. Their answer will also guide us as to first sailing to San Francisco after "Sierra" May 4th.

No. 50.

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

Oceanic Steamship Company, American and Australian Line,

SIR,—

Auckland, 27th April, 1906.

We have the honour to confirm our telegram to you of yesterday, reading, "Received the following cable from San Francisco: 'Mail connections sure "Sierra"; Agents safe'; and thank you for your reply stating that the usual mail will be forwarded by the "Sierra" hence May 4th.

We have, &c.,

HENDERSON AND MACFARLANE.

The Acting-Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.