

	Days.	Hours.
London to Adelaide	28	16
Adelaide to Melbourne by train	0	17
Melbourne to Bluff by 20-knot steamer, 1,200 miles	2	12
	31	21
If by 25-knot steamer, deduct 12 hours, making time	31	9

London to Wellington.

	Days.	Hours.
London to Adelaide	28	16
Largs Bay to Wellington by 20-knot steamer, 1,820 miles	3	19
	32	11
If by 25-knot steamer, deduct 18 hours, making time	31	17

	Days.	Hours.
London to Adelaide	28	16
Adelaide to Melbourne by train	0	17
Melbourne to Wellington by 20-knot steamer, 1,479 miles	3	2
	32	11
If by 25-knot steamer, deduct 15 hours, making time	31	20

	Days.	Hours.
London to Adelaide	28	16
Adelaide to Sydney by train	1	16
Sydney to Wellington by 20-knot steamer, 1,200 miles	2	12
	32	20
If by 25-knot steamer, deduct 12 hours, making time	32	8

[Suez Conn. 08/18b.]

No. 75.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 11th June, 1908.

WHAT is average number hours for transport inward English mail from Adelaide to Sydney ?

[Suez Conn. 08/19.]

No. 76.

The SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Melbourne, 13th June, 1908.

YOUR wire eleventh : Taking time departure from Adelaide to hour arrival General Post Office, Sydney, of last three P. and O. and Orient steamers as basis, average is, for P. and O. steamers, 37 hours 35 minutes, and for Orient steamers, 42 hours 38 minutes. Difference in time is due to two mails *ex* P. and O. steamers being conveyed from Melbourne to Sydney and one from Adelaide to Sydney by special train. Of three mails *ex* Orient steamers, only one was conveyed by special train—namely, from Adelaide to Melbourne.

[Suez Conn. 08/20b.]

No. 77.

The DEPUTY POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Sydney, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 24th June, 1908.

" MAHENO " arrived 8.30 yesterday. Mails despatched Melbourne special train arriving in time connect ordinary Adelaide.

[Suez Conn. 08/23a.]

No. 78.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 8th July, 1908.

At what hour on Wednesdays does British mail *via* Orient reach Melbourne ? At what hour approximately does New Zealand steamer leave ?

[Suez Conn. 08/36.]