

THE PROPOSED ALL-RED ROUTE.

No. 111.

The SECRETARY, Auckland Chamber of Commerce, Auckland, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

SIR,— Swanson Street, Auckland, 29th June, 1908.
In your letter dated the 24th October, 1907 [No. 107, F.—6, 1908], replying to a communication from this Chamber, you were good enough to inform us that negotiations were in progress for a fast mail-service *via* Vancouver, and that your efforts to obtain speedy mail communication between New Zealand and the United Kingdom would not be relaxed.
At the last meeting of my Council, the question of an improved mail-service being under discussion, your letter was referred to, and I was directed to respectfully inquire if we might know what progress has been made in the negotiations for a more rapid and reliable service.

I have, &c.,
The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington. A. J. DENNISTON, Secretary.
[Acknowledged 30th July, 1908.]

[Van. Misc. 08/57.]

No. 112.

The DEPUTY POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Canada, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.
(Telegram.) Vancouver, 9th October, 1908.

LEAVING on steamship "Marama" to-day (Friday) *en route* to New Zealand and Australia as representative of Canadian Government to confer with your Government *re* All-red route.

[The Deputy Postmaster-General (Dr. R. M. Coulter) reached Wellington on the 25th November.]
[Van. Conn. 08/103.]

No. 113.

Mr. C. H. FURNESS, Auckland, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.
Auckland, 27th October, 1908.
SIR,— I have been informed by cable from Messrs. Furness, Withy, and Co. (Limited), that they would favourably consider a contract to run and maintain a fast mail-service between New Zealand and Vancouver. My principals now have a mail-service running between Canada and England. They are the largest British steamship-owners in the world, and quite capable in every way of successfully running an up-to-date service.

In order that I may be able to send them full information, will you please furnish me with the following particulars required by your Government for this service—tonnage, speed, ports of call, frequency of service, number of boats, subsidy, duration of contract; and any other information, conditions, or suggestions which you may deem necessary.

I have, &c.,
The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington. C. H. FURNESS.
[The desired information was furnished orally to Mr. Furness by the Hon. the Postmaster-General.]
[Van. Conn. 08/124.]

No. 114.

VANCOUVER MAIL-SERVICE.—Tables showing times, not including Stoppages, between the Ports mentioned hereunder.

				Miles.	16 Knots.	18 Knots.	20 Knots.
					D. h. m.	D. h. m.	D. h. m.
Vancouver to Honolulu	..	..	..	2,430	6 8 0	5 15 0	5 1 30
Honolulu to Suva	..	..	..	2,760	7 4 0	6 9 30	5 18 0
Suva to Auckland	..	..	..	1,140	2 23 15	2 15 20	2 9 0
Vancouver-Honolulu-Suva-Auckland	..	..	..	6,330	16 11 15	14 15 50	13 4 30
Auckland-Sydney	..	..	..	1,281	3 8 0	2 23 10	2 16 0
Vancouver-Honolulu-Suva-Auckland-Sydney	..	..	..	7,611	19 19 15	17 15 0	15 20 30
Vancouver-Honolulu-Suva	..	..	..	5,190	13 12 0	12 0 30	10 19 30
Suva-Brisbane	..	..	..	1,508	3 22 15	3 11 45	3 3 8
Vancouver-Honolulu-Suva-Brisbane	..	..	..	6,698	17 10 15	15 12 15	13 22 38
Brisbane-Sydney	..	..	..	502	1 7 20	1 3 55	1 1 5
Vancouver-Honolulu-Suva-Brisbane-Sydney	..	..	..	7,200	18 17 35	16 16 10	14 23 43

[Van. Misc. 08/128.]