

From HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND to Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER. 12th February, 1915.

In reply to your telegram of 9th February: The following is position of refrigerated steamers referred to:—

New Zealand Shipping Company—

- "Turakina," "Opawa": Loading for New Zealand; available May.
- "Ruahine," "Rotorua": *En route* to New Zealand; available March.
- "Kaikoura," "Otaki," "Waimate," "Orari": In New Zealand; not yet fixed outwards.
- "Remuera": Returns New Zealand; available July.
- "Paparoa": Arriving from Australia next week, and loads for Australia.
- "Rimutaka": Arriving from Australia end of February; loading for New Zealand; available June.
- "Hurunui": Arriving from Australia early next month; not yet fixed outwards.
- "Tongariro": Loading Canada for Australia and New Zealand; available June.
- "Whakatane": Will load Canada for Australia and New Zealand; available July.
- "Ruapehu": *En route* from Canada to Australia and New Zealand; available April.
- "Hororata": Australian transport.
- "Rakaia": Sold.

Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company—

- "Delphic": Will load for New Zealand; available June.
- "Athenic," "Corinthic": Will load for New Zealand; available June.
- "Matatua," "Tainui": *En route* to New Zealand; available March.
- "Karamea": *En route* to Australia and New Zealand; available March.
- "Kumara," "Pakeha," "Arawa": *En route* to Australia and New Zealand; available April.
- "Zealandic," "Ionic": Loading for New Zealand; available late April.
- "Mamari," "Kia Ora": Will load for New Zealand; available May.
- "Rangatira": *En route* from Canada to Australia and New Zealand; available May (late).
- "Waiwera": Will load for Australia and New Zealand; available June.
- "Waimana": Loads for River Plate.

Commonwealth and Dominion Line—

- "Muritai": Proceeds to New Zealand direct; available April.
- "Star of Ireland": Carrying meat from River Plate to Havre.
- "Indralemma": Discharging here; not yet fixed outwards.
- "Indrabarah": Will load for Australia and New Zealand; available May.
- "Whakarua": Arriving from Australia this month; not yet fixed outwards.
- "Indrapura": Will load for New Zealand; available June.
- "Makarini": Will load for Australia and New Zealand; available July.
- "Niwaru," "Mimiro": Will load to and from Australia.
- "Port Albany": Loading in Australia; not yet fixed outwards.
- "Star of Australia," "Hawke's Bay," "Star of Scotland": *En route* to Australia and New Zealand; one available March, two April.
- "Port Kembla": Loading New York for Australia and homewards.
- "Star of India": Loading New York for New Zealand and Australia, then home from Australia.
- "Nerehana": Loading to and from Australia.
- "Star of Victoria," "Marere," "Star of England": Australian transports.

Federal Houlder Shire Line—

- "La Blanca": Loading and *en route* from New Zealand and Australia.
- "Essex," "Durham," "Ayrshire," "Carpentaria," "Somerset," "El Cordobes": Will all load to and from Australia.
- "Sussex," "Roscommon," "Middlesex," "Limerick": Loading to and from Australia.
- "Westmeath": *En route* for New Zealand; available March.
- "Dorset": *En route* from Australia; not yet fixed outwards.
- "Shropshire," "Wiltshire," "Argyllshire": Australian transports.
- "Banffshire," "Buteshire": Sold.

Provided all steamers proceeding to New Zealand via Australia are not requisitioned by Commonwealth of Australia, position is that during month of March seven steamers are available, capacity 668,000 carcasses; nine steamers April, 914,000; six steamers May, 609,000; five steamers June, 498,000; five steamers July, 523,000: total capacity, 3,213,000. Owing to exceptional congestion at docks there is also question of delay in discharging those steamers which are shown as returning to New Zealand to load June-July. Will telegraph further to-morrow.

From Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER to HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND. 16th February, 1915.

With reference to your cablegram of 12th: Following steamers do not appear on your list: Federal Houlder Line—"Cornwall," "Kent," "Morayshire," "Perthshire," "Suffolk," "Surrey," "Waipara"; Commonwealth Dominion Line—"Star of New Zealand."