

1888.
NEW ZEALAND.

SAN FRANCISCO AND DIRECT MAIL SERVICES

(COMPARATIVE RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE).

*Returns to Orders of the House of Representatives, dated 29th June, 1888 (Hon. Sir J. Hall),
and 11th July, 1888 (Mr. Peacock).*

RETURN TO ORDER OF 29TH JUNE, 1888 (SIR J. HALL).

RETURN showing the Total Sums paid by New Zealand for the Conveyance of its Mails *via* San Francisco, and the Total Amount received in Postages on Mail Matter contained in such Mails, during the Year ended 31st December, 1887.

Payments,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Subsidy to contractors	23,333	6	8			
Bonus	1,537	6	8			
Light-dues (charged on Estimates)	663	0	0			
Interprovincial service, Mail Agents, &c.	4,967	8	7			
				30,501	1	11
Receipts,—						
Postages from London	7,968	8	0			
Postages collected in the colony	16,844	11	1			
Receipts from non-contracting colonies	4,958	17	3			
				29,771	16	4
Net cost to the colony				£729	5	7

ESTIMATED SUM which would have been paid for the Conveyance of such Mails if they had been sent and received by Direct Steamers to and from the United Kingdom on the Terms of the existing Contract with the New Zealand Shipping Company.

	£	s.	d.
Payments that would have had to be made to the New Zealand Shipping Company on the same amount of mail-matter as that sent <i>via</i> San Francisco :—			
On correspondence from the United Kingdom	7,678	17	10
On correspondence to the United Kingdom	8,215	1	3
On correspondence from the United States, &c.	*2,386	14	1
On correspondence to the United States, &c.	1,136	9	1
Payments to the United Kingdom :—			
Transit rates on correspondence for the United States, &c.	738	8	6
Total	20,155	10	9

* This amount would have to be paid by the United States.

6th July, 1888.

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RETURN TO ORDER OF 11TH JULY, 1888 (Mr. PEACOCK).

RETURN showing (1.) The Estimated Additional Cost to the Colony if all the Mail-matter now sent by the Direct Service were sent by the San Francisco Service on the Present Terms.

Estimated Additional Cost—
Salaries and travelling expenses of additional Mail Agents ... £ s. d.
... 1,232 11 5

(2.) Estimated Net Monetary Result to the Colony of the San Francisco Service if the above Course were adopted.

Payments,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Subsidy to Union Company	23,333	6	8			
Bonus to contractors	1,500	0	0			
Light-dues	663	0	0			
Mail Agents, £1,700, and interprovincial service, £4,500	6,200	0	0	31,696	6	8
Receipts,—						
Postages from London	18,542	18	3			
Postages collected in the colony	22,908	4	10			
Receipts from non-contracting colonies	5,000	0	0	46,451	3	1
Net profit to the colony				£14,754	16	5

(3.) Estimated Net Monetary Result of the Direct Service if all the Mail-matter now sent by the San Francisco Route were to be sent by the Direct Service on the Present Terms.

Payments,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments to New Zealand Shipping Company on weight of correspondence	31,446	19	4			
Bonus	7,000	0	0			
Interprovincial service, £4,000, and light-dues, £936	4,936	0	0	43,382	19	4
Receipts,—						
Postages from London... ..	23,060	5	0			
Postages collected in the colony... ..	22,908	4	10	45,968	9	10
Net profit to the colony				£2,585	10	6

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