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OCEAN MAIL-SERVICES

(FURTHER PAPERS RELATING TO).

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Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

CANADIAN PACIFIC MAIL-SERVICE.

No. 1.

Mr. GRAYSON to the Rt. Hon. the PREMIER.

Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Steamship Line,
Wellington, 16th November, 1897.

SIR,—

Attached herewith I have the honour to hand you statement of shipments by the Canadian-Australian line from Sydney.

I may say that I am preparing some arguments in support of the colony recognising the service, copy of which I shall have the honour to forward to you as soon as they are in from the printers.

I have, &c.,

The Rt. Hon. Richard J. Seddon, P.C., Premier, Wellington.

ROBT. GRAYSON.

Enclosure in No. 1.

SUMMARISED STATEMENT of EXPORTS from Sydney by the Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Steamship Line.

	Wool.	Skins.	Meat.	Hides.	Butter.	Mutton.	General Merchandise.	Fruit.	Tin.	Sugar.
	Bales.	Bales.	Cases.	Bags.	Cases.	Carcases.	Packages.	Cases.	Ingots.	Bags.
1893	172	10	646	...	10	90	383	5,720	...	160
1894	3,898	150	573	464	400	1,445	9,453	8,580	2,012	304
1895	5,856	856	389	810	630	726	13,603	3,050	8,986	3,438
1896	6,900	453	2,200	1,872	850	25	15,300	4,500	12,320	...
1897 (part season)	1,050	790	2,150	3,480	174	4,500	11,153	4,900	13,520	6,000

No. 2.

Messrs. HUDDART and Co. to the Rt. Hon. the PREMIER.

Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Steamship Line,
Wellington, 19th November, 1897.

SIR,—

Vancouver Mail-service.

In connection with the question of ocean mail-services, which is now under the consideration of Parliament, it may be of some interest to make public some reasons why the Vancouver mail-service should receive recognition at the hands of the Colony of New Zealand.

The Vancouver mail-line was primarily established with the object of opening up trade relationships with the Australian Colonies and the Dominion of Canada, and of creating a line of travel which should be entirely through British territory, and it was recognised that such a service must necessarily have the sympathy and the practical support of the British-speaking races.

The Vancouver service at present is subsidised to the extent of £25,000 per annum by the Government of Canada, £10,000 per annum by the Government of New South Wales, and £1,500 per annum by the Crown Colony of Fiji.