

The frequency of the following services was increased :—

Auckland—

Daily to twice daily : Northcote Post-office and Wharf; Waihou Post-office and Railway-station.

Thrice weekly to daily : Devonport-Takapuna.

Twice to thrice weekly : Helensville-Pouto-Aratapu-Mangawhare-Dargaville and other intermediate offices; Marsden Point-Ruakaka-Waipu (temporarily, 1st January to 31st March).

Once to twice weekly : Whangarei-Ngunguru.

Blenheim—

Fortnightly to weekly : Blenheim-Port Underwood.

Christchurch—

Twice to thrice daily : Christchurch-Sumner, one way only (inwards from Sumner).

Daily to twice daily : Christchurch-Aylesbury-Kirwee-Darfield-Waddington-Sheffield-Annat-Springfield (by train); Christchurch-Hornby (by train); Christchurch-Papanui-Styx-Belfast; Waddington Post-office and Railway-station.

Thrice to four times weekly : Waipara-Domett-Motunau-Cheviot.

Twice to thrice weekly (May to September inclusive, and daily service to begin a month earlier—namely, 1st October instead of 1st November); Culverden-Upper Waiau Ferry-Hatmer Plains.

Greymouth—

Twice to thrice weekly : Blackball Mine-Blackball-Ngahere.

Once to twice weekly : Greymouth-Barrytown.

Hokitika—

Once to twice weekly : Hokitika-Kanieri Forks.

Napier—

Twice weekly to daily (by train) : Napier-Matamau.

Once to twice weekly : Dannevirke-Waipatiki-Weber-Ongaonga-Wakarara; Taupo-Tokaanu (for month of December, so as to make increase from once to twice weekly, for tourist season, begin 1st December instead of 1st January).

Oamaru—

Thrice weekly to daily : Alma Post-office and Railway-station.

Thames—

Daily to twice daily : Paeroa-Karangahake.

Twice weekly to daily : Paeroa-Komata.

Once to twice weekly : Golden Cross-Te Whariki.

Timaru—

Daily to twice daily : Waimate-Studholme Junction (train).

Once to twice weekly : Lake Pukaki-Hermitage (second service intermittent, depending on traffic); Lake Pukaki-Hermitage (month of December, so as to make increase from once to twice weekly, for tourist season, begin 1st November instead of 1st December).

Wanganui—

Daily to twice daily : Ohingaiti-Mangaweka; Te Roti Post-office and Railway-station.

Twice to thrice weekly : Ohingaiti-Utiku-Otaihape-Moawhango.

Wellington—

Daily to twice daily : Ohau Post-office and Railway-station.

Daily to twice daily on Tuesdays and Fridays, and on any other day for San Francisco mail, once daily on other days as formerly : Pahiatua-Woodville Railway-station.

From daily one way to daily both ways : Pahiatua-Woodville Railway-station.

Once to twice weekly : Makuri-Rakaunui-Pongaroa.

Westport—

Daily to twice daily : Westport-Harben.

The following services were extended :—

Auckland—

Mangawai-Te Arai, weekly to North Albertland (giving last-named place weekly mail).

Dunedin—

Balclutha-Hillend to Pukepito, twice weekly.

Napier—

Wairoa-Nuhaka to Morere (giving through service to Gisborne weekly).

Wanganui—

Eltham-Mangatoki-Kaponga to Awatuna, daily.

Wellington—

Ashurst-Komako to Piripiri, twice weekly; Mangamahoe-Hastwell's to Kaiparoro, thrice weekly.

The frequency of the following services was diminished :—

Blenheim—

Twice weekly to weekly : Tuamarina-Waikakaho.

Invercargill—

Daily to weekly : Winton-Brown's.