

San Francisco Service (Outward).

Showing results of accelerated service, steamers to arrive at San Francisco present day and hour (Wednesday, 6 p.m.); Auckland, port of departure.

Present time of Leaving.		Steamer could leave if Speed increased to	
		15 Knots.	16 Knots.
Auckland ..	Saturday, 2 p.m. ..	Monday, 11 a.m. ..	Tuesday, noon.
Wellington ..	Friday, 6 a.m. (by train) ..	Saturday, 4 p.m. (by steamer) ..	Sunday, 4 p.m. (by steamer).
Christchurch ..	Wednesday, 9 p.m. ..	Friday, 9 p.m. ..	Saturday, 9 p.m.
Dunedin ..	Wednesday, 11 a.m. ..	Friday, 11 a.m.* ..	Saturday, 11 a.m.*

* Through time Dunedin to Auckland calculated as depending on ordinary train connection, Dunedin to Christchurch.

Stoppages: Apia, 4 hours; Honolulu, 12 hours.

The same as foregoing, substituting Wellington as port of departure.

Leave	Speed, 13·47 Knots to Wellington.	At 15 Knots.	At 16 Knots.
Wellington ..	Friday, 5 p.m. ..	Sunday, 4 p.m. ..	Monday, 6 p.m.
Auckland ..	Thursday, 11 a.m. ..	Saturday, 10 a.m. ..	Sunday, noon.
Christchurch ..	Thursday, 9 p.m. ..	Saturday, 9 p.m. ..	Saturday, 9 p.m.*
Dunedin ..	Thursday, 11 a.m. ..	Saturday, 11 a.m. ..	Saturday, 11 a.m.*

* As there is no train from Dunedin on Sunday, it is here assumed steamer would leave Lyttelton on Saturday night on arrival southern express.

Stoppages: Apia, 4 hours; Honolulu, 12 hours.

Vancouver Service (Inward).

Present departure from Victoria every fourth Friday, 6 a.m.

Mails due at	Speed, 13·32 Knots to Wellington.	At 15 Knots to Wellington.	At 16 Knots to Wellington.
Wellington ..	Saturday, 2 p.m. ..	Thursday, noon ..	Wednesday, 8 a.m.
Auckland ..	Sunday, 8 p.m. ..	Friday 6 p.m. ..	Thursday, 2 p.m.
Christchurch ..	Sunday, 6 a.m. ..	Friday, 4 a.m. ..	Wednesday, midnight.
Dunedin ..	Sunday, 6 p.m.* ..	Friday, 9 p.m. ..	Thursday, noon.*

* Special train.

Distance between Vancouver and Wellington, 6,660 miles. Time allowed under present arrangement, 21½ days = 516 hours. Present stoppages: Honolulu, 12 hours; Suva, 10 hours.

Vancouver Service (Outward).

Steamers to arrive at Vancouver same day and hour as at present (Thursday, 8 a.m.).

Present Time of Leaving.		Steamer could leave if Speed	
Speed, 13·48 Knots per Hour, Wellington to Vancouver.		15 Knots.	16 Knots.
Wellington ..	Thursday, 4 p.m. ..	Saturday, 6 p.m. ..	Sunday, 10 p.m.
Auckland ..	Tuesday, 10 a.m.* ..	Friday, noon ..	Saturday, 4 p.m.
Christchurch ..	Wednesday, 9 p.m. ..	Friday, 9 p.m. ..	Saturday, 9 p.m.
Dunedin ..	Wednesday, 11 a.m. ..	Friday, 11 a.m. ..	Saturday, 11 a.m.

* From 1st December next.

Present stoppages: Suva, 10 hours; Honolulu, 12 hours.

General Post Office, 6th October, 1898.

W. GRAY.

DEAR SIR,—

General Assembly Library, 14th October, 1898.

Re *Fr'isco Service*.—I have seen Mr. Duthie since my conversation with you, and he has asked for the following information: What knot-service and the days of arrival and departure of vessels to enable not only Wellington and Auckland but Christchurch, Dunedin, and Invercargill to reply by the outgoing mail.

Yours, &c.,

ROBERT McNAB.

The Secretary, Post and Telegraph Department, Wellington.

SIR,—

17th October, 1898.

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant, I have the honour to state that with a 15-knot service between Auckland and San Francisco (present day of departure from San Francisco to be maintained) it would be possible for the inward mails to arrive at Dunedin on Wednesday night, and with a 15-knot service in the opposite direction (timed to arrive at San Francisco as at present) the outward mail would not require to leave Dunedin until Friday at 11 a.m. A 15-knot service would, therefore, give one clear day for replies at Dunedin, two days at Christchurch, three days at Wellington, and a week at Auckland. Invercargill would have about six hours for replies, assum-