

No. 62.

The GENERAL MANAGER, Union Steam Ship Company, Dunedin, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand (Limited),

SIR,—

Dunedin, 25th August, 1903.

I shall be much obliged to you if you would advise me whether the Canadian-Australian steamers are entitled to any payment on account of the carriage of New Zealand mails from Suva to Vancouver, and also for any New Zealand mails from Vancouver to Sydney. If they are, I shall be obliged if you will keep any such credits separate from the Union Company's postages, as they will have to be credited to the Canadian-Australian line account.

Yours, &c.,

T. W. WHITSON, for General Manager.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

No. 63.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the GENERAL MANAGER, Union Steam Ship Company, Dunedin.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 1st September, 1903.

Referring to your letter of the 25th August, I have the honour to inform you that payment for the conveyance of New Zealand mails from Suva to Vancouver is made to the General Post Office, Sydney, annually at the following rates: Letters, 12s. per pound; books, 1s. per pound; newspapers, 6d. per pound.

Payment for the conveyance of mails from Canada is a matter which should be arranged by the postal administration of that country.

I have, &c.,

The General Manager,

W. GRAY, Secretary.

Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand (Limited), Dunedin.

No. 64.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 19th September, 1903.

I have the honour to inform you that it is observed from the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 4th instant that tenders are being invited for mail-services between Australia and Great Britain, and Sydney and Vancouver. I shall be obliged if you will favour me with a copy of the advertisement calling for tenders, and also copy of the proposed conditions of contract.

I have, &c.,

W. GRAY, Secretary.

The Secretary, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne.

No. 65.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 7th October, 1903.

I have the honour to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo [not printed], transmitting a copy of an advertisement [not printed] inviting tenders for the performance of mail-services between Australia and Vancouver, and Australia and the United Kingdom.

I have, &c.,

W. GRAY, Secretary.

The Secretary, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne.

[Read here Pacific Mail-service Resolutions, No. 8.]

No. 66.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 20th November, 1903.

I beg to refer to my letter of the 17th July last, asking you to be so good as to send me two copies of the contract for the extension of the mail-service between Sydney and Vancouver, and to ask whether you are yet in a position to let me have the desired copies.

I have, &c.,

W. GRAY, Secretary.

The Secretary, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne.