

No. 75.

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

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 15th April, 1904.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, forwarding copy of the contract for the extension of the mail-service between Sydney and Vancouver, for which I thank you.

I have, &c.,

W. GRAY, Secretary.

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

No. 76.

The SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Doubtless Bay, 29th April, 1904.

BOARD wires me: "Tell Union Steam Ship Company, Dunedin, Board agrees terms letter fourteenth March relating Fanning, provided applicable. Six calls only per annum. Agreement for one year; terminable three months' notice thereafter. First call September. Cable their reply and passenger-rate." Will you kindly wire above to Union Steam, Dunedin. [See No. 23.]

No. 77.

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

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 30th April, 1904.

CONFIRM arrangement call Fanning Island subject to approval Governments Australia, Fiji, and Canada, and continuance mail contract, which expires May, 1905. Have cabled Commonwealth for permission, and will communicate other Governments in due course.

No. 78.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 17th May, 1904.

WHAT arrangements, if any, are to be made for conveyance of mails to Fanning Island between May and September? I notice by Press telegram that it is still proposed to send mails by way of this colony.

No. 79.

The SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Doubtless Bay, 17th May, 1904.

CUTHBERT says, "Mail from Auckland per 'Iris' in July is only one arranged for after May. If Canadian and Australian line call here mails will come *via* Suva, but nothing settled."
