

leading papers, also cable advertisement to two leading papers Melbourne and Sydney. Have local directing attention to advertisement inserted all papers advertisement goes in. Cable conditions Agent-General; direct him to inform shipowners England. Better have deposit £1,000.—J. G. WARD."

37. Will you read the advertisement referred to in it—the advertisement as it appeared in the Press?—"Tenders are invited for a steam service from New Zealand ports to Liverpool, Glasgow, or other ports on the west coast of the United Kingdom. Tenderers are requested to state—(1) Class of steamers offered for employment in the service; (2) period of contract; (3) ports at which steamers are prepared to call on west coast of the United Kingdom; (4) intervals of sailing; (5) rates of freight from New Zealand ports to a port or ports of discharge on the west coast of the United Kingdom—(a) refrigerating cargo, (b) general cargo; (6) the amount of subsidy required. Tenders accompanied by cash deposit of £1,000 will be received up to noon on the 7th day of January, 1904, at the office of the Secretary for Industries and Commerce, Wellington, indorsed 'Tenders for steam service, New Zealand to West Coast of the United Kingdom.'—T. E. DONNE, Secretary, Industries and Commerce.—Wellington, 23rd December, 1903."

38. Will you read the local which accompanied that advertisement? You can take the advertisement which appeared in the *Herald* or *Star* in Auckland?—Yes. "Please insert as a local, 'Frequent applications have been made to the Government to try and obtain a service direct to the west-coast ports of the United Kingdom. With that object in view Cabinet has decided to invite applications in order to see whether it is possible to provide such a service as has been asked for. The advertisement will be found in our columns to-day.'—T. E. DONNE." That was the telegram sent to the *Star* on the 24th December.

39. And that advertisement appears in the *Evening Post* on the same night—the 24th December?—Yes.

40. And it appears in the *New Zealand Times*—when?—On the 26th December.

41. In the *Auckland Herald*?—26th December.

42. *Auckland Star*?—26th December.

43. *Lyttelton Times*?—26th December.

44. *Christchurch Press*?—26th December.

45. *Otago Daily Times*?—25th December.

46. The *Dunedin Star*?—26th December.

47. The *Southland Times*?—26th December.

48. *Southland News*?—25th December.

49. *Daily Telegraph*, Sydney?—25th December.

50. *Sydney Morning Herald*?—26th December.

51. The *Age*, Melbourne?—29th December.

52. The *Argus*, Melbourne?—29th December.

53. Was the local you have just read directing special attention to the advertisement cabled to the Australian papers and sent to all New Zealand papers?—Yes.

54. Will you refer to a telegram of the 26th December, signed "Brett," and sent to "Ilott," Wellington?—Yes; "ILOTT, Wellington.—Ask Donne for *Graphic* advertisement, tenders steamer service New Zealand.—BRETT."

55. What is the date?—Auckland, 26th December.

56. That advertisement was not given to the *Graphic*?—No.

57. Will you read a telegram from Geddis?—"DONNE, Tourist Department, Wellington.—Will you authorise tenders steam service *Observer*?—GEDDIS." That is dated the 28th December.

58. Will you read the authority given for the advertisement to be inserted both in the *Free Lance* and *Observer*?—The telegram is dated the 29th December. "GEDDIS, Esq., *Observer*, Auckland.—You may insert steamer-tender advertisement once.—T. E. DONNE." Then there is a note on the file signed by Mr. Donne on the 29th December, "*Free Lance* and *Observer*, once each, send order."

59. Was the advertisement cabled to the Agent-General as it appeared in the *New Zealand Press*?—Yes.

60. Were advices received stating that the Agent-General had sent a circular out?—Yes.

61. Will you look at the list of those to whom he sent the circular embodying the conditions?—Yes.

62. Will you read out the list of those to whom the circular was sent by the Agent-General?—The following is the list: The Loch Line, 80, Buchanan Street, Glasgow; Houlder Bros. and Co., 146, Leadenhall Street, E.C.; Trinder, Anderson, and Co., 4, St. Mary Axe, E.C.; Anderson, Anderson, and Co., 5, Fenchurch Avenue, E.C.; George Thompson and Co., 7, Billiter Square, E.C.; Bethell, Gwyn, and Co., 22, Billiter Street, E.C.; Tyser and Co., 16, Fenchurch Avenue, E.C.; Ismay, Imrie, and Co., 30, James Street, Liverpool; August Blumenthal, Hamburg; August Blumenthal, Rotterdam; Gracie, Beazley, and Co., 14, Water Street, Liverpool; McIlwraith, McEacharn, and Co., Lime Street Square, E.C.; W. Marden, 5, East India Avenue, E.C.; Robert M. Sloman, jun., Hamburg; James Dowie and Co., 32, Tower Buildings, West Liverpool; A. Howden and Co., 138, Leadenhall Street, E.C.; Gray, Dawes, and Co., 23, Great Winchester Street, E.C.; Keller, Wallis, and Co. (N.D. Lloyd), 2, King William Street, E.C.; W. Milburn and Co., 3 and 4, Billiter Avenue, E.C.; Messageries Maritime de France, 97, Cannon Street, E.C.; Birt, Potter, and Hughes, 2, Fenchurch Avenue, E.C.; Turnbull, Martin, and Co., 112, Fenchurch Street, E.C.; Staley, Radford, and Co., 2, Fenchurch Avenue, E.C.; Wincott, Cooper, and Co., 10 and 11, Lime Street, E.C.; F. Green and Co., 13, Fenchurch Avenue, E.C.; New Zealand Shipping Company, 138, Leadenhall Street, E.C.; Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company, 34, Leadenhall Street, E.C.; Peninsular and Oriental Naviga-