

No. 61.

Messrs. HENDERSON AND MACFARLANE, Auckland, to the ACTING-SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 4th May, 1906.

MESSRS. SPRECKELS cable us that service will be resumed by "Sonoma" sailing from San Francisco May 31st. "Sierra" sails for San Francisco five o'clock to-day.

No. 62.

The RESIDENT AGENT FOR NEW ZEALAND, San Francisco, to the ACTING-SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Oakland, California, 4th May, 1906.

MAIL-SERVICE resumed "Sonoma" 31st May. Have instructed Willett come here "Sierra," presuming London mails come as usual. No time communicate.

No. 63.

The Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER to the HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 10th May, 1906.

INFORM Imperial Post Office and Ward service from San Francisco resumes thirty-first May. Mails to come as before. Inform Ward also that no steamer from Auckland fifteenth June. Only chance connection Vancouver steamer Auckland sixteenth instant.

No. 64.

The GENERAL MANAGER, Union Steam Ship Company (Limited), Dunedin, to the ACTING-SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 15th May, 1906.

"MOANA" sailed midnight [from Fiji]. Arrive Auckland daylight Friday.

No. 65.

The HIGH COMMISSIONER to the Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER.

Westminster Chambers, 13 Victoria Street, London, 18th May, 1906.

SIR,—

San Francisco Mail-service.

I duly received your cablegram of 10th instant, instructing me to inform the Imperial Post Office that the mail-service from San Francisco to New Zealand would be resumed on the 31st instant, and that mails were to go as before.

I at once advised the Post Office authorities, but they had however already received advice, and had issued the necessary instructions for the regular despatch of the mails.

I also acquainted Sir Joseph Ward and Mr. Gray with the above information, and conveyed to them the rest of your above-quoted cable message, reporting that there would not be any steamer leaving Auckland on the 15th proximo.

I may here mention that Sir Joseph Ward arrived in London from Rome last evening.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

W. P. REEVES.

No. 66.

Mr. D. E. LINDSAY, Mail Agent, Wellington, to the ACTING-SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

SIR,—

Marine Post Office, 18th May, 1906.

I have the honour to report as under on the outward voyage of the "Sonoma" to San Francisco, and the return voyage of the "Moana" from Vancouver.

On the outward voyage the "Sonoma" left Auckland on the 25th March, at 6 a.m., about thirty-nine hours late, the delay being caused by a gale experienced after leaving Sydney, and also very strong wind in Auckland, which prevented the vessel leaving the wharf until Sunday morn-