

No. 7.

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

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 1st September, 1910.

GLAD if you will send copy Spreckels's late contract soon as possible. New and altered clauses could follow later. Can you indicate space required mail and sorting rooms respectively? Important should not be larger than required, as is essential we should purchase as little coal San Francisco as possible. Advised Postmaster-General Spreckels will act as agent meantime.

[Wn.—S.F. 10/61.]

No. 8.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 2nd September, 1910.

AM sending draft of proposed contract by to-day's mail. As regards sorting-rooms: I am instructing Mr. Isbister to call upon you. He might discuss question of space with Mr. McLennan. About space for mail-room: Have you any record of number of bags usually carried from Vancouver to Sydney? We have no particulars Australian mails.

[Wn.—S.F. 10/62.]

No. 9.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the ACTING ASSISTANT INSPECTOR OF POST-OFFICES, Dunedin.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 2nd September, 1910.

PLEASE call upon managing director, Union Company, at once, and give some indication of space required for sorting-rooms on "Aorangi" and "Maitai." I do not propose to have nearly so many sorting-divisions as under old arrangement. I would like you to be very moderate in demands for sorting-space. As regards mail-stowage space, this might be estimated as equal to total number of bags usually carried by Vancouver steamer, plus 300 [later, 500] bags from London.

[Wn.—S.F. 10/59.]

No. 10.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 3rd September, 1910.

Re sorting-room: I am endeavouring to arrange with America to have the mails sorted before despatch, and am now hopeful that we shall not require sorting-room or to send Mail Agents. When Mr. Isbister calls you might hear what he has to say, for use in event of my being unsuccessful.

[Wn.—S.F. 10/62.]

No. 11.

The ACTING ASSISTANT INSPECTOR OF POST-OFFICES, Dunedin, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 5th September, 1910.

HAVE arranged stowage accommodation for one thousand bags in vermin-proof mail-room. Australian mails will be stored separate in same room.

No. 12.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 5th September, 1910.

Now practically decided not to send Mail Agents San Francisco steamers. Only question to consider at present is sufficient vermin-proof stowage-room for mails.

No. 13.

The Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Washington.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 5th September, 1910.

OBLIGED if New York would make same subdivision New Zealand mails as at present done by San Francisco and Seattle.

[Wn.—S.F. 10/68.]