

No. 25.

The SECRETARY, Department of Agriculture, Commerce, and Tourists, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office.

(Memorandum.) Department of Agriculture, Commerce, and Tourists,
Wellington, 14th October, 1910.

IN reply to your memorandum of 28th September to the Director of the Commerce and Tourists Division of this Department, kindly note that the Hon. Minister of Industries and Commerce is agreeable to the fares and freights proposed under the draft contract forwarded by you, but wishes provision to be made for the following maximum freights from Auckland or Wellington to San Francisco: Wool, greasy, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per pound; wool, scoured, $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per pound; phormium-fibre, 60s. per ton of 2,240 lb.

The Secretary, Post and Telegraph Department.
[Wn.-S.F. 10/129.]

F. S. POPE, Secretary.

No. 26.

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

(Telegram.) Wellington, 14th October, 1910.

MINISTER of Industries and Commerce agreeable fares and freights proposed under draft San Francisco contract, but wishes provision made for following maximum freights Auckland or Wellington to San Francisco: Wool, greasy, halfpenny per pound; wool, scoured, five-eighths penny per pound; phormium-fibre, sixty shillings per ton of 2,240 pounds. Please wire if you are agreeable to these rates being inserted.

[Wn.-S.F. 10/131.]

No. 27.

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

(Telegram.) Dunedin, 14th October, 1910.

AGREEABLE rates named by Minister, but it is understood that these are maximum net rates to steamer. At present we are charging flax 50s., greasy wool 60s., scoured 80s., per 2,000 lb., dumping at shipper's expense.

No. 28.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the Secretary, Auckland Harbour Board, Auckland.

(Telegram.) Wellington, 20th October, 1910.

BEG to inform you that under new San Francisco mail contract steamers engaged therein are exempt from harbour dues. This is provided by terms of contract.

[Wn.-S.F. 10/161.]

[Letter dated 31st October, in similar terms, to the Secretary, Wellington Harbour Board, Wellington.]

No. 29.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the ACTING-MANAGER, Union Steam Ship Company, Wellington.

SIR,--- General Post Office, Wellington, 20th October, 1910.

Referring to your letter of even date [not printed], I beg to inform you that I have advised the Auckland Harbour Board, by telegraph, that the steamers carrying out the San Francisco mail contract are exempt from harbour dues.

I have, &c.,

D. ROBERTSON, Secretary.

The Acting-Manager, Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand (Limited), Wellington.
[Wn.-S.F. 10/162.]

No. 30.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the CHIEF POSTMASTER, Auckland.

(Telegram.) Wellington, 21st October, 1910.

SAN FRANCISCO mail-service: Request local manager, Union Company, to obtain from company's San Francisco agents, or from H. Stephenson Smith, Resident Agent for New Zealand in San Francisco, detailed information about transportation of New Zealand mails San Francisco to England, and United Kingdom mails for New Zealand to San Francisco, for inclusion in report to be furnished on voyage of each steamer. Mail Agents formerly supplied.

[Wn.-S.F. 10/173.]