

No. 8.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the DEPUTY POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Sydney
(Telegram.) Wellington, 23rd November, 1894.
'FR'ISCO Service. Postmaster-General has accepted "Arawa" in the place of "Monowai," commencing with outgoing mails. He has also proposed to make the renewal of the service for the full term of three years conditionally upon the speed being improved.

No. 9

The DEPUTY POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Sydney, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.
SIR,— General Post Office, Sydney, 26th November 1894.

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your cablegram of the 23rd instant, stating " 'Fr'isco Service. Postmaster-General has accepted 'Arawa' in the place of 'Monowai,' commencing with outgoing mails. He has also proposed to make the renewal of the service for the full term of three years conditionally on the speed being improved." I take this opportunity of confirming the wire sent you on 20th instant, as follows " *Re* your letter twenty-ninth ultimo, Cabinet has approved of this colony continuing contribution of four thousand to 'Fr'isco service for another year, subject to approval of Parliament."

I have, &c.,

S. H. LAMBTON,
Deputy Postmaster-General.

The Secretary General Post Office, Wellington, New Zealand.

No. 10.

The MANAGING DIRECTOR, Union Steam Ship Company, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 3rd December, 1894.

REFERRING to your telegrams. Having replaced "Monowai" with "Arawa" we can guarantee better all-round speed, and will accept Postmaster-General's offer of renewal of contract for three years. Representations have been made to Oceanic Company with regard to providing better sorting accommodation on "Alameda" and "Mariposa" and, if possible, some improvement will be made, although, as you are aware, in consequence of the design and arrangements of these ships, little in this direction is practicable. We cannot undertake to deliver the mails in less than twenty days in the present condition of trade, as to do so would involve very heavy additional cost in running, which the support afforded by the Government does not justify. We are prepared, however, to negotiate to shorten the time by one day if sufficient inducement is forthcoming.

No. 11.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the MANAGING DIRECTOR, Union Steam Ship Company

(Telegram.)

General Post Office, Wellington, 4th December, 1894.

'FR'ISCO Service. Will submit your telegram to Postmaster-General. You say nothing as to port of call.

No. 12.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the MANAGING DIRECTOR, Union Steam Ship Company

(Telegram.)

General Post Office, Wellington, 7th December, 1894.

'FR'ISCO Service, and your telegram of 3rd. Postmaster-General would be glad if you would kindly indicate the additional payment required for shortening the time by one day.

No. 13.

The MANAGING DIRECTOR, Union Steam Ship Company, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand (Limited),
Dunedin, 13th December, 1894.

SIR,—

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 23rd ultimo [not printed], following up your telegram of the 22nd, advising that the Postmaster-General approves of the substitution of the "Arawa" for the "Monowai" in the San Francisco mail-service.

I have, &c.,

W Gray Esq., Secretary, General Post Office,
Wellington.

T W WHITSON,
For Managing Director