

No. 27.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to Messrs. HENDERSON AND MACFARLANE, Auckland.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 20th August, 1902.

It is now believed that Agent-General's cable meant that we should get Mr. Spreckels to direct that "Ventura" call at Fanning Island on outgoing voyage. Would you ask Mr. Spreckels to arrange this, or would you prefer that we should cable him?

No. 28.

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

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 20th August, 1902.

As suggested, am cabling Mr. Spreckels to arrange, if possible, "Ventura" call Fanning Island. Will advise you as soon as reply comes to hand.

No. 29.

The Hon. the ACTING-PREMIER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 20th August, 1902.

Your telegram nineteenth: Spreckels requested instruct outgoing steamer call Fanning.

No. 30.

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

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 22nd August, 1902.

REFERENCE Fanning Island: San Francisco cables they have arranged for "Sierra" make first call.

No. 31.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to Messrs. HENDERSON AND MACFARLANE, Auckland.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 25th August, 1902.

FANNING Island and your telegram 22nd: Am I to understand that "Ventura" will not call at Fanning Island? Kindly reply sharp.

No. 32.

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

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 25th August, 1902.

"VENTURA" will not call Fanning Island this trip.

No. 33.

The Hon. the ACTING-PREMIER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 25th August, 1902.

FANNING Island and my telegram twentieth: Now learn outgoing steamer will not touch at island "Sierra," leaving Auckland nineteenth September, will be first vessel calling.

No. 34.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to Messrs. HENDERSON AND MACFARLANE, Auckland.

GENTLEMEN,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 27th August, 1902.

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant [not printed], I have pleasure in forwarding herewith, as requested, three copies of the San Francisco mail-service contract. . . .

I have, &c.,

Messrs. Henderson and Macfarlane, Auckland.

W. GRAY, Secretary.