1903. NEW ZEALAND.

SAN FRANCISCO MAIL-SERVICE

(RETURN RELATIVE TO THE).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 17th July, 1903.

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RETURN in connection with the MAIL-SERVICE between SAN FRANCISCO and AUCKLAND during currency of last Contract for Eighteen Months ended 31st May, 1903.

| 1. THE total number of saloon passengers | landed | in Auckl | and by | $_{\mathrm{the}}$ | .) |
|---|-----------|--------------|-----------|-------------------|---|
| San Francisco mail-steamers from Âmerica | | ••• | | | 766 |
| 2, Total steerage passengers landed in A | uckland b | v such st | eamers | | 101 |
| 3. Same details for passengers booked | from Au | ekland to | San Fr | an- | |
| cisco : | | | | | *Up to 22nd |
| | | | | | 974 July, 1903. |
| (a.) Saloon (b.) Steerage | • . • | | | ••• | 261 |
| 4. Total tonnage of cargo landed in Auck | land from | anch etc | | ••• | 14,850 |
| 5. Total tonnage shipped from Auckland | | | | | |
| | | | | | 6,000) |
| 6. How many trips mails were landed in | auvance | or contra | ct time : | | 7.0 |
| (a.) San Francisco to Auckland | ••• | ••• | | ••• | 10 |
| (b.) Auckland to San Francisco | | ••• | | ••• | 5 |
| 7. How many trips mails were landed in excess of contract time :— | | | | | |
| (a.) San Francisco to Auckland | ••• | | | | 16 |
| (b.) Auckland to San Francisco | | | | | 21 (Also one trip |
| | | | | | due time.) |
| 8. Total amount paid :— | | | | | £ s. d. |
| (a.) For poundage rates | | | | | 25,018 2 4 |
| (b.) For railway carriage | | | | ••• | 1,169 19 3 |
| (c.) To Union Company for subsidy | | | | ••• | 7,365 9 2 |
| | | | | ••• | 1,505 9 2 |
| * From information supplied by the Customs Department. | | | | | |
| | | | | W. | GRAY, Secretary. |
| | 1000 | | | | , |

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