

VANCOUVER SERVICE.

SYDNEY--VANCOUVER CONTRACT.

No. 105.

The ACTING-SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

Postmaster-General's Department, Commonwealth of Australia,
Melbourne, 1st September, 1908.

SIR,—

With reference to the letter from this office of the 13th April last [No. 81, F.-6, 1908] relative to your desire to be furnished with copies of the new contract in connection with the Vancouver Mail-service, I have the honour to now forward herewith three copies of the agreement [not printed] referred to. [Service extended to 31st July, 1909.]

I have, &c.,

JUSTINIAN OXENHAM, Acting-Secretary.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

[Acknowledged 11th September, 1908.]

[Van. Misc. 08/79.]

No. 106.

The SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne, to the ACTING-SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

SIR,—

Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne, 14th May, 1909.

With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant [not printed] inquiring as to whether a copy of the time-table for the Canadian-Australian mail-service after July of this year is available, I have the honour to inform you that the Commonwealth Government has agreed to the extension of the present Canadian-Australian mail-contract on the existing terms and conditions for one year from the date of expiration of that contract—viz., 31st July, 1909—and when the negotiations with the contractors are complete you will be supplied as early as possible with a copy of the new time-table.

I have, &c.,

The Acting-Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

ROBT. T. SCOTT, Secretary.

[By letter of 14th June, the Secretary, Postmaster-General's Department, announced that the "Aorangi" was to be replaced by a better vessel after one or two trips in renewed service.]

[P.O. 09/848.]

CONNECTION AT FIJI.

No. 107.

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

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 9th September, 1908.

In order that this Department may be in a position to arrange with your company for the detention of a steamer at Suva to await mails for New Zealand, the Suva Post Office has been asked to inform this office by telegraph whenever the steamer from Vancouver is due to arrive at Fiji one or two days after the advertised date of departure of the steamer for Auckland. It is proposed that such detention shall be arranged when deemed advisable, provided that it is practicable to arrange it, and that the cost to this Department is reasonable. Kindly say whether you are agreeable to the detention being made when the circumstances warrant it, and, if so, what the approximate charge would be.

I have, &c.,

D. ROBERTSON, Secretary.

The General Manager, Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand (Limited), Dunedin.

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