

No. 3.

[HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 20TH OCTOBER, 1909.]

MR. BOLLARD asked the Postmaster-General, Whether he will seriously consider the reinstatement of the San Francisco mail-service, with the port of call at Auckland, seeing that the service was the fastest and cheapest the Dominion has ever had—especially now, with the North Island Main Trunk Railway?

The Right Hon. Sir J. G. WARD.—I am now considering all aspects of the question, and am negotiating for a mail-service *via* San Francisco.

No. 4.

The HON. SECRETARY, Women's Political League, Auckland, to the HON. G. FOWLDS, Wellington.

SIR,—

9 Rose Road, Grey Lynn, Auckland, 27th October, 1909.

I am instructed by the Women's Political League to convey to you the following resolution passed at its last meeting: "That this meeting trusts Sir J. G. Ward will see his way to give effect to the views lately put forward by the Auckland Chamber of Commerce with regard to the reorganization of the San Francisco mail-service. Also, that it is earnestly hoped the local members will do all in their power to have the service restored to Auckland."

The Hon. G. Fowlds, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

E. GIBSON, Hon. Secretary.

[Read here last paragraph of No. 74, Vancouver Service.]

No. 5.

The Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, Auckland Chamber of Commerce, Auckland.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 15th November, 1909.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th ultimo, in which you forwarded copy of a resolution passed at a special meeting of the Council of your Chamber on the subject of the mail-service between the United Kingdom and New Zealand.

In reply, I have to inform you that I am negotiating for an improved mail-service between Auckland and San Francisco and for a close connection with the Vancouver mail-steamers at Fiji.

I have, &c.,

J. G. WARD, Postmaster-General.

The Secretary, Auckland Chamber of Commerce, Auckland.

No. 6.

The Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington, to the Hon. GEORGE FOWLDS, Wellington.

General Post Office, Wellington, 15th November, 1909.

Memorandum for the Hon. George Fowlds, Wellington.

IN reference to the letter to you of the 27th ultimo, from Mrs. E. Gibson, Hon. Secretary, Women's Political League, 9 Rose Road, Grey Lynn, Auckland, conveying a resolution on the subject of a mail-service between New Zealand and the United Kingdom *via* San Francisco, I beg to inform you that I am now negotiating for an improved mail-service between Auckland and San Francisco and for a close connection with the Vancouver mail-steamers at Fiji.

J. G. WARD, Postmaster-General.

No. 7.

The SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Washington, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

SIR,—

Post Office Department, Washington, 6th January, 1910.

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I am to add that it is with pleasure that the Postmaster-General has learned of your efforts to improve the mail-service between New Zealand and the United States through an arrangement with the Union Steam Ship Company to perform a direct service between New Zealand and San Francisco *via* Tahiti, and it is very much hoped that this service, of whose definite establishment you will no doubt inform me as soon as your arrangements are completed, will do much to improve that friendly intercourse between New Zealand and the United States to which it is regretted that this Department cannot further contribute in the manner you desire.

I have, &c.,

JOSEPH STEWART,

Second Assistant Postmaster-General.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington, New Zealand.