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The SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Washington, to the AGENTS, Union Steam Ship Company, San Francisco.

SIRS,— Post Office Department, Washington, August, 1911.

I have the honour to report that the steamers of the Union Steam Ship Company (foreign register) have conveyed the following mails from San Francisco to Tahiti, New Zealand, and Australia during the quarter ended 30th June, 1911, and that the service so performed has been recognized by this Department and referred to the Auditor for payment.

Date.	Vessel.	Letters.	Prints.	Parcel Post.
1911.		Grams.	Grams.	Grams.
April 5	Maitai	540,330	8,892,625	796,710
May 5	Manuka	346,320	5,494,610	554,880
May 31	Maitai	490,900	7,827,004	2,144,410
June 28	Aorangi	461,450	6,501,243	2,377,135
		1,839,000	28,715,482	5,873,135
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		1,839,000	34,588,617	..

1,839,000 grams letters, at 4 f. per kilo.	Francs.	7,356-00
34,588,617 grams prints, at 50 cm. per kilo.		17,294-30-17

Total sea-postage	24,650-30-17 f., or \$4,757-51
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I have, &c.,
JOHN W. HOLLYDAY,
Second Assistant Postmaster-General.

The Union Steam Ship Company, J. D. Spreckels Bros. and Co., San Francisco.

[Wn.-S.F. 11/287.]

No. 45.

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

SIR,— General Post Office, Wellington, 2nd November, 1911.

In reply to your letter of the 29th September, I have the honour to inform you that the Hon. the Postmaster-General agrees to the extension of the service for the carriage of mails between New Zealand and San Francisco for a period of two years from the 20th October. The details of the extended service may, if necessary, be arranged later.

I have, &c.,
W. R. MORRIS, for Secretary.

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

[Wn.-S.F. 11/295.]

No. 46.

The RESIDENT AGENT for New Zealand, San Francisco, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

SIR,— Resident Agency for New Zealand, San Francisco, 6th November, 1911.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 7th January, 1911 [No. 60, F.-6, 1911], asking for information in connection with an alleged purely mail train to or from this city and the Atlantic seaboard.

In reply, I would say that there is not any train as described. The mails east and west bound are despatched from and arrive at Chicago by special fast mail train to and from Omaha, but merge with the ordinary train at that point bound west, and switch at that point for Chicago when bound east. There are no special mail trains west of Nebraska.

I have, &c.,
H. STEPHENSON SMITH,
Resident Agent for the Dominion.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

[Wn.-S.F. 12/16.]

[Information given to Union Steam Ship Company on 20th December, 1911.]