



SUPPLEMENT

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Alteration of Rates of Postage.

(L.S.)

NORMANBY, Governor.
A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand intituled "The New Zealand Post Office Act, 1858," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council from time to time, by Proclamation to be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, to fix, alter, and abolish the rates of postage at any time payable within the colony for the transmission of letters and newspapers by post, either between places within New Zealand or to or from places beyond seas, and at what time the same shall be paid, and that the postage so made payable shall be charged and paid accordingly: And whereas by Proclamation duly made and issued, bearing date the twenty-ninth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the fourth day of October, in the same year, the Governor in Council did, in pursuance of the said recited power and authority, fix certain rates of postage to be paid within the colony for the transmission of all letters and newspapers and packets by post to or from the countries and places mentioned in the Schedules thereto, and the times at which the same respectively should be paid as therein mentioned: And whereas it is desirable that the said rates should be altered as hereinafter mentioned:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand, in exercise of the said recited power and authority, and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council thereof, doth hereby alter the rates of postage fixed to be paid within the colony, and doth proclaim and declare that the postage payable within the colony for the transmission of all letters, newspapers, and packets by post to the countries and places mentioned in the Schedule hereto, shall be according to the rates mentioned in such Schedule, and that such postage shall in all cases be paid at the time such letters, newspapers, and packets are delivered into the post; and, with the like advice and consent as aforesaid, doth further proclaim and declare that this Proclamation shall take effect from and after the fourteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

SCHEDULE.

RATES OF POSTAGE CHARGEABLE ON LETTERS, NEWSPAPERS, BOOK PACKETS, ETC., POSTED IN NEW ZEALAND.

COUNTRIES, ETC.	LETTERS.				Registration Fee.	NEWSPAPERS.			BOOKS OR PATTERN PARCELS.				
	Not exceeding $\frac{1}{4}$ ounce.	$\frac{1}{4}$ ounce to $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.	Every additional			Each Newspaper.	By weight (each Newspaper).			Not exceeding 1 ounce.	1 ounce to 2 ounces.	2 ounces to 4 ounces.	Every additional 2 ounces.
			$\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.			Not exceeding 2 ounces.	2 ounces to 4 ounces.	Every additional 4 ounces.				
AMERICA (NORTH),—Canada (including Vancouver's Island and British Columbia), New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward's Island,— via San Francisco via Suez and Southampton via " Brindisi	s. d.	s. d. 0 6 0 8 0 10	s. d.	s. d. 0 6 0 8 0 10	s. d. 0 6 0 8 0 8	d. 1	s. d.	s. d. 0 2 0 3	s. d. 0 1 0 2	s. d. 0 1 0 3 0 4	s. d. 0 2 0 4 0 6	s. d. 0 4 0 6 0 8	s. d.
AMERICA (SOUTH),—Bolivia, Chili, Ecuador, and Peru,— via San Francisco via Suez and Southampton via " Brindisi	s. d.	s. d. 1 0 1 5 1 7	s. d.	s. d. 1 0 1 5 1 7	s. d. None. None. None.	d. 3	s. d.	s. d. 0 3 0 4	s. d. 0 2 0 3	s. d. 0 3 0 4 0 5	s. d. 0 5 0 7 0 9	s. d. 0 10 0 7 0 9	s. d.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Most Honorable George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, Earl of Mulgrave, Viscount Normanby, and Baron Mulgrave of Mulgrave, all in the County of York, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom; and Baron Mulgrave of New Ross, in the County of Wexford, in the Peerage of Ireland; a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at the Government House, at Wellington, this fourteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

Approved in Council—
FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

J. T. FISHER.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Regulations Establishing an Inland Pattern and Sample and Parcel Post; also Extending the Inland Book Post System; and also fresh Regulations for the Registration, and the Transmission by Post, of Newspapers and Trade Circulars.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 14th September, 1878.

THE following regulations, establishing an Inland Pattern and Sample and Parcel Post; also extending the regulations of the Inland Book Post; and also providing for the registration, and transmission by post, of Newspapers and Trade Circulars, are published for general information.

The Inland Pattern and Sample and Parcel Post, and the Inland Book Post regulations, only apply to articles posted for transmission to places within the colony. The regulations governing the transmission of Book Packets and Pattern and Sample Parcels to places without the colony, are also published, so as to prevent misconception on the part of the public.

These regulations have had force as from the 1st September instant.

By order.
W. GRAY,
Secretary.

INLAND PATTERN AND SAMPLE AND PARCEL POST.

The regulations prohibiting any complete article having a value of its own, parcels of goods sent for sale, or in execution of an order (however small the quantity), and also articles sent by one private individual to another, which were not actually patterns or samples, being sent by pattern and sample post, are hereby repealed.

Every article of merchandise, whether raw or manufactured, and of a character not likely to injure the contents of the mail bags, or to do bodily harm to any officer of the Post Office, is now accepted, under the regulations of the inland pattern and sample and parcel post.

The following are the rules of the inland pattern and sample and parcel post:—

- (1) A pattern sample or parcel packet may contain patterns, samples, or articles of merchandise, goods sent for sale or in execution of an order, or any articles sent by one private individual to another; seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, and scions may also be forwarded.
- (2) The postage is one penny not exceeding two ounces; twopence not exceeding four ounces; and one penny for every additional two ounces or fraction of two ounces.
- (3) No packet must exceed two feet in length or one foot in width or depth, nor must it exceed five pounds in weight; any packet exceeding that weight will be sent to the Dead Letter Office.
- (4) There must be no writing or printing on the packet or its cover in addition to the address of the person for whom the packet is intended, except the address of the sender and the nature of the contents, a trade mark and numbers, and the prices of the articles, otherwise the packet will be charged double letter postage. The name and address of the sender of any parcel should invariably be given, so that, if for any reason the packet cannot be forwarded or delivered, it may be returned to the sender.
- (5) There must be no enclosure other than the articles themselves. The particulars which are allowed to be furnished under the preceding rule, as to the trade marks and numbers, and the prices of the articles, must in all cases be given, not on loose pieces of paper, but on small labels attached to the articles or the bags containing them. Should this rule be infringed, the packet will be charged double letter postage.
- (6) A pattern, sample, or parcel packet must be sent in stout and durable covers, open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination. Seeds, drugs, &c., may be enclosed in tin boxes, or in bags of linen, or other material, fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened, or in the case of seeds in bags entirely closed, provided that they are transparent, so that the officers of the department may be able to satisfy themselves as to the nature of the contents. If this rule be infringed, the packet will be charged double letter postage.
- (7) Insufficiently paid packets will be treated as described in section 10 of the Inland Book Post Regulations.
- (8) In order to prevent any interruption to the regular transmission of letters, any packet may, when it is necessary, be kept back by any Postmaster until the following despatch.

(9.) The rule which forbids the transmission through the post of any article which might injure the contents of the mail bags or the officers of the Post Office is so far relaxed as to permit the transmission of scissors, knives, razors, forks, steel pens, nails, keys, watch machinery, metal tubing, pieces of metal or ore, and such like, as samples, provided that they be packed and guarded in so secure a manner as to afford complete protection to the contents of the mail bags and officers of the Post Office, while at the same time the samples may be easily examined. If any packet containing such articles as these be posted which is found not to be sufficiently guarded, it will be detained, and a notice of its detention will be sent to the person to whom it is addressed or to the sender, who may then obtain it upon personal application; but the packet will be charged with a fine equal in amount to the postage to which the packet was liable as a packet of patterns.

Packets or parcels containing gold, silver, jewellery, &c., cannot be forwarded under the inland pattern and sample and parcel post regulations.

Parcels containing gunpowder, glass, any perishable substance such as leeches, game, fish, flesh, fruit, vegetables, &c., any liquid (except liquid medicine), matches, or other inflammable or explosive substance, or compound poison, or whatever is dangerous to the mails, or offensive or injurious to the persons dealing with the mails, shall not be transmitted by the post whether as a parcel or otherwise. Postmasters must refuse to transmit by post any parcel which shall contain, or be reasonably suspected to contain, any such articles. Liquid medicines strongly packed in tin cases, and marked "Liquid Medicine," may, however, be posted.

INLAND BOOK POST.

The following are the regulations of the inland book post:—

- (1.) The postage is one penny not exceeding two ounces; twopence not exceeding four ounces; and one penny for every additional two ounces or fraction of two ounces. Book packets which may be insufficiently prepaid will be charged with double the deficiency.
- (2.) An inland book packet must be sent either without a cover (in which case it must not be fastened, whether by means of gum, wafer, sealing-wax, postage stamp, or otherwise), or in a cover entirely open at both ends or sides, so as to admit of the contents being easily withdrawn for examination. For the greater security of the contents, the packet may be tied at the ends with string, but in such case Postmasters are authorized to cut the string, although if they do so they must again tie up the packet.
- (3.) A book packet may contain any number of separate books or other publications (including printed or lithographed letters intended for transmission in identical terms to several persons), photographs (when not on glass or in cases containing glass or such like substance), drawings, engravings, prints, or maps, and any quantity of paper, parchment, or vellum; and the books or other publications, prints, maps, &c., may be either printed, written, engraved, lithographed, or plain, or any mixture of these. Further, all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book, &c., or of a portion thereof, is allowed, whether such binding, &c., be loose or attached; as also rollers in the case of prints or maps; markers (whether of paper or otherwise) in the case of books; pens or pencils in the case of pocket-books, &c.; and, in short, whatever is necessary for the safe transmission of such articles, or usually appertains thereto.
- (4.) A book packet may also comprise bills of lading, printed catalogues, manuscript of books or pamphlets (if plainly superscribed as such, together with the name of the sender), music (written or printed, and, in the case of proof sheets, manuscript corrections), paintings, pass-books, printed placards, printers' proofs (indorsed as such on the covers), scrip, deeds, policies of assurance, insurance policies, filled in forms of insurance and assurance proposals (and other printed documents connected therewith), plans, powers of attorney, specifications, prospectuses, returns (if filled in in accordance with the printed headings, and without note or any comment whatever), invoices, legal documents, recognizances, drafts, and, in fact, any written or printed communication not of the character of an actual and personal correspondence, may pass as articles within the meaning of the Inland Book Post Regulations.
- (5.) Press manuscript intended for publication is not regarded as actual and personal correspondence, provided the packet bears the words "Press Manuscript," and is addressed to the office of any newspaper published within the colony. If posted in accordance with the foregoing directions, press manuscript will be permitted to pass at book-packet rates of postage.
- (6.) No book packet may contain anything which is sealed or otherwise closed against inspection; nor must there be any letter, nor any communication of the nature of a letter, whether separate or otherwise. Entries, however, merely stating who sends the book, &c., or to whom it is given, are not regarded as a letter. Indeed, as respects the name and address of the sender, not only is the writing permitted, but it is even recommended; so that if the cover come off, or for any other reason the packet cannot be forwarded, it may be returned. A book may also contain a manuscript dedication, or a complimentary inscription from the author. Passages in the text to which it is desired to call attention may be marked with a simple stroke.
- (7.) No book packet must exceed two feet in length, or one foot in width or depth,—nor must it exceed five pounds in weight; and if any such packet be presented at a Post Office it will not be received.
- (8.) Any packet which shall not be open at the ends or sides, or shall have any letter or any communication of the nature of a letter written in it, or upon its cover, will be charged double letter postage.
- (9.) If a packet be found to contain any letter, whether closed or open, or any enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, or any other unauthorized enclosure, the packet will be charged double letter postage, and forwarded to its address.
- (10.) If a book packet be not sufficiently prepaid with stamps, but nevertheless bear stamps of the value of one rate, it will be forwarded charged with double the deficiency. Book packets posted wholly unpaid will not be forwarded.
- (11.) All *bond fide* printed or lithographed matter enclosed in envelopes slit or partially open at the ends, and having the fly turned inside, instead of being gummed over in the usual manner, is permitted to pass through the post at book-post rates.

Legal documents include acts or deeds of all kinds drawn up by public functionaries, copies or extracts of deeds under private seal, and in general all manuscript papers and documents which have not the character of an actual and personal correspondence.

It is the duty of Postmasters, whenever they have ground for suspecting an infringement of any of the above conditions, and occasionally even where there is no ground for suspicion, to open and examine book packets posted at or passing through their offices.

To prevent obstacles to the regular transmission of letters, a Postmaster may, when necessary, delay forwarding any book packet until the following despatch.

The main business of the Post Office being the transmission of letters, the forwarding of books and newspapers (which no one is compelled to send through the Post Office), though an important, is only a secondary object, for which no arrangement can be made which would interfere with the quick and regular conveyance and delivery of letters. Books, therefore, which would be injured by being thrust into a bag and hurriedly pressed down like a bundle of letters, should not be sent through the post.

NEWSPAPERS.

1. All newspapers published in the colony, and registered at the General Post Office for transmission by post, may either be forwarded like other printed matter under the regulations of the book post, or may be transmitted within the colony on payment of a postage rate of one halfpenny each in postage stamps, and to places beyond the colony at the rates set forth in the Postal Guide.

The conditions of registration are as follows, viz. :—

- (1.) The publication must consist wholly or in great part of political or other news, or of articles relating thereto or to other current topics, with or without advertisements.
- (2.) It must be printed and published in the Colony of New Zealand, and must be published in numbers at intervals of not more than one month.
- (3.) The full title and date of publication must be printed at the top of the first page, and the whole or part of the title and the date of publication at the top of every subsequent page; and this regulation extends to "Tables of Contents" and "Indices."
- (4.) A supplement must consist wholly or in great part of matter like that of a newspaper, or of advertisements, printed on a sheet or sheets or on a piece or pieces of paper, unstitched; or wholly or in part of engravings, prints, or lithographs illustrative of articles in the newspaper. The supplement must in every case be published with the newspaper, and must have the title and date of publication of the newspaper printed at the top of every page, or, if it consists of engravings, prints, or lithographs, at the top of every sheet or side. The added matter

must be a genuine supplement, that is, matter supplied in order to complete that to which it is added or supplemented, but left out of the regular issue for want of space, time, or greater convenience. As used in relation to newspapers, a supplement is held to be matter proper to be inserted in the newspaper to which it is supplied, but has not been for want of space, or want of time, or because it is more convenient regarding space or time, or either, that it should be printed on a separate sheet.

2. A newspaper must not contain any enclosures other than the supplement or supplements proper to the newspaper, nor any writing or other mark thereon, beyond the name and address of the person to whom it is sent, nor anything on the cover but the name and address, the printed title of the newspaper, and the printed name and address of the publisher or vendor who sends it. *Insets, advertising sheets, or handbills* placed between the pages of newspapers, but having no connection with such publications as properly parts thereof, will subject the entire packages to letter rates of postage.

3. If a newspaper addressed to any place within the colony be found to contain writing or any enclosure, it must be forwarded to its destination charged according to its weight, with the full rate of letter postage from the country where it originated; but if such newspaper be addressed to any place beyond the colony, it must be detained, and in due course sent to the Dead Letter Office.

4. If more than one newspaper be enclosed in a packet addressed to any place within the colony, and for which the full amount of postage has not been paid, a charge of one penny must be made for each extra newspaper enclosed. Packets of newspapers posted for places beyond the colony not fully prepaid must be detained.

5. Newspapers posted in pillar-boxes, which are intended for the receipt of letters only, must, if addressed to places within the colony, be sent on charged a single rate of one halfpenny; but if for places beyond the colony, they must be detained for one month in case of inquiry, and then destroyed.

6. Newspapers, if posted in single numbers, addressed to the Manager, Keeper, Clerk, Secretary, Librarian, or other person having the charge of any Athenæum, Mechanics' Institute, Hospital, Public Library, or Lunatic Asylum in the colony, are permitted to pass through the post, and to be delivered free of postage.

7. Newspapers, whether originating in the colony or beyond the colony, re-directed from one Post Office to another within the colony may be transmitted accordingly, but are chargeable with a fresh newspaper rate of one halfpenny each, which may be paid either on re-direction or delivery.

8. "Newspaper exchanges" (i.e., newspapers exchanged between newspaper offices) are permitted to pass through the post free of postage, if posted in single numbers, from any newspaper office within the colony and addressed to the Editor, Proprietor, Publisher, or Manager of any newspaper published in the colony, and are properly franked. The title of the newspaper, and the words "Newspaper Exchange only," must be written or printed on each cover above the address; and the frank or certificate of exchange must be signed by the authorized person, either by affixing his signature, or a *fac-simile* thereof by means of an autograph stamp. Newspaper exchanges not posted in accordance with the foregoing rules will be charged full letter rates.

TRADE CIRCULARS AND PRICES CURRENT.

Trade Circulars and Prices Current, published in the colony and registered for transmission by post, may be forwarded to any place within the colony, to Australia, Tasmania, India, the United Kingdom (unless sent *via* Brindisi), for one penny each.

Trade circulars and prices current embrace printed or lithographed stock and share lists and market reports, and, if desired, the prices may be added in manuscript or otherwise.

No trade circular or prices current must exceed one ounce in weight.

FOREIGN BOOK POST.

The following are the regulations of the foreign book post:—

(1.) The postage to the United Kingdom, Australian Colonies, the Dominion of Canada, and the United States of America is one penny not exceeding two ounces; twopence not exceeding four ounces; and one penny for every additional two ounces or fraction of two ounces. The postage to all other foreign places may be ascertained on reference to the table of rates of postage published from time to time in the New Zealand Postal Guide. Book packets which may be insufficiently prepaid will be treated as described in section 8.

(2.) Every packet must be sent either without a cover, or in a cover open at the ends or sides, so as to admit of the enclosures being examined. For the greater security of its contents, the packet may be tied at the ends with

string, but in such case the Postmaster is authorized to cut the string, although if he do so he must again tie up the packet.

(3.) A book packet may contain any number of separate books or other publications (including printed or lithographed letters), photographs (when not on glass or in cases containing glass or such like substance), drawings, prints, or maps, and any quantity of paper, parchment, or vellum; and the books or other publications, prints, maps, &c., may be either printed, written, engraved, lithographed, or plain, or any mixture of these; but no printed matter or prints will be allowed, except such as may be printed on paper, parchment, or vellum. Further, all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book, &c., or of a portion thereof, will be allowed, whether such binding, &c., be loose or attached; as also rollers in the case of prints or maps, markers (whether of paper or otherwise) in the case of books, and, in short, whatever is necessary for the safe transmission of such articles, or usually appertains thereto; but the binding, rollers, &c., must not be sent as a separate packet.

(4.) No book packet may contain anything which is sealed or otherwise closed against inspection; nor must there be any letter, nor any communication of the nature of a letter, whether separate or otherwise, unless the whole of such letter or communication be printed. Entries, however, merely stating who sends the book, &c., or to whom it is given, are not regarded as a letter. Indeed, as respects the name and address of the sender, not only is the writing permitted, but it is even recommended; so that if the cover come off, or for any other reason the packet cannot be forwarded, it may be returned.

(5.) No book packet must exceed two feet in length, or one foot in width or depth, nor must it exceed five pounds in weight. The limit of weight on a book packet addressed to any of the countries comprised within the General Postal Union, a list of which appears at the end of the table of rates of postage published from time to time in the New Zealand Postal Guide, is two pounds. Packets exceeding the foregoing weights and dimensions will not be received at any Post Office.

(6.) Any packet which shall not be open at the ends or sides, or shall have any letter or any communication of the nature of a letter written in it, or upon its cover, will be charged with double letter postage, less the value of postage stamps affixed, and forwarded to its address.

(7.) If a packet be found to contain any letter not wholly printed, whether closed or open, or any enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, or any other unauthorized enclosure, the packet will be charged with double letter postage, less the value of postage stamps affixed, and forwarded to its address.

(8.) If a book packet or pattern parcel be not sufficiently prepaid with stamps, but nevertheless bear stamps of the value of one rate, it is forwarded charged with the deficient postage, together with an additional rate of fourpence in all cases, except for parcels marked for transmission *via* Brindisi, and when marked *via* Brindisi, sixpence.

(9.) All *bond fide* printed matter enclosed in envelopes slit or partially open at the ends, and having the *fly* turned inside, so that the contents may be examined without cutting or tearing the envelope, instead of being gummed over in the usual manner, is to be permitted to pass through the post at book-post rates.

It is the duty of Postmasters, whenever they have ground for suspecting an infringement of any of the above conditions, and occasionally even where there is no ground for suspicion, to open and examine book packets posted at or passing through their offices.

To prevent obstacles to the regular transmission of letters, a Postmaster may, when necessary, delay forwarding any book packet until the following despatch.

The main business of the Post Office being the transmission of letters, the forwarding of books and newspapers (which no one is compelled to send through the Post Office), though an important, is only a secondary object, for which no arrangement can be made which would interfere with the quick and regular conveyance and delivery of letters. Books, therefore, which would be injured by being thrust into a bag and hurriedly pressed down like a bundle of letters, should not be sent through the post.

FOREIGN PATTERN AND SAMPLE POST.

The following are the rules of the foreign pattern and sample post:—

(1.) A pattern parcel is a *bond fide* pattern or sample of merchandise. Goods sent for sale or in execution of an order (however small the quantity may be), or any articles sent by one private individual to another, which are not actually patterns or samples, are not admissible.

- (2.) The rates of postage are the same as for book packets. (See clause 1 of the Foreign Book Post Regulations.)
- (3.) No packet of patterns or samples must exceed twenty-four ounces in weight; and to countries comprised within the General Postal Union the limit of weight for patterns and samples is eight ounces. Packets exceeding these weights will be sent to the Dead Letter Office.
- (4.) There must be no writing or printing on the packet or its cover in addition to the address of the person for whom the packet is intended, except the address of the sender, a trade mark and numbers, and the prices of the articles, otherwise the packet will be treated as a letter.
- (5.) There must be no enclosure other than the samples themselves. The particulars, which are allowed to be furnished under the preceding rule, must in all cases be given, not on loose pieces of paper, but on small labels attached to the samples or the bags containing them.
- (6.) The patterns or samples must be sent in covers open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination. Samples, however, of seeds, drugs, &c., may be enclosed in boxes, or in bags of linen, or other material, fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened, or in the case of samples of seeds in bags entirely closed, provided that they are transparent, so that the officers of the department may be able to satisfy themselves as to the nature of the contents. If this rule be infringed, the packet will be treated as a letter.
- (7.) Insufficiently paid packets of patterns or samples will be treated as described in section 10 of the Inland Book Post Regulations.
- (8.) In order to prevent any interruption to the regular transmission of letters, a packet of patterns or samples may, when it is necessary, be kept back by any Postmaster until the following despatch.
- (9.) The rule which forbids the transmission through the post of any article which might injure the contents of the mail bags or the officers of the Post Office is so far relaxed as to permit the transmission of scissors, knives, razors, forks, steel pens, nails, keys, watch machinery, metal tubing, pieces of metal or ore, and such like, as samples, provided that they be packed and guarded in so secure a manner as to afford complete protection to the contents of the mail bags and the officers of the Post Office, while at the same time the samples may be easily examined. If any packet containing such articles as these be posted which is found not to be sufficiently guarded it will be detained, and a notice of its detention will be sent to the person to whom it is addressed or to the sender, who may then obtain it upon personal application; but the packet will be charged with a fine equal in amount to the postage to which the packet was liable as a packet of patterns.
- (10.) A packet of patterns or samples sent *via* the United Kingdom to Portugal, Madeira, the Azores, Cape de Verdes, France, or to Turkey, Syria, or Egypt, by French packet, must not exceed eighteen inches in length, width, or depth; a packet to any other place abroad must not exceed twenty-four inches in length or twelve inches in breadth or depth.
- (11.) Bags entirely closed, even though they be transparent, must not be used for the transmission of seeds to any foreign country except the United States of America, Holland and its possessions, Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Portugal and its possessions, and Switzerland; and samples of intrinsic value must not be sent to foreign countries.
- (12.) No letter or other packet (whether registered or otherwise) containing either gold or silver money, jewels, or precious articles, or any other article whatever, liable to Customs duties, can pass through the post to any of the countries comprised within the General Postal Union—a list of which appears at the end of the table of rates of postage published from time to time in the New Zealand Postal Guide.
- *3. Auckland, Eden Terrace, and Whau, daily.
- *4. Whau Bridge and Henderson's Mills, twice weekly.
5. Whau Bridge, Titirangi, and Muddy Creek, weekly.
6. Auckland and Devonport, twice daily.
7. Auckland and Stokes Point, daily.
8. Auckland and Upper Parnell, daily.
9. Auckland, St. John's College, Panmure, and Howick, daily.
10. Railway Station, Ellerslie, and St. John's College, daily.
11. Railway Station, Ellerslie, and Howick, daily.
12. Otahuhu and Mangere, thrice weekly.
13. Onehunga and Mangere, thrice weekly.
14. Railway Station and Post Office, Otahuhu, daily.
15. Railway Station and Post Office, Woodside, daily.
16. Railway Station and Post Office, Papakura, daily.
17. Papakura and Wairoa, thrice weekly.
18. Drury and Springfield, twice weekly.
19. Railway Station, Pukekohe, and Waiuku, twice weekly.
20. Waiuku and Port Waikato, weekly.
21. Waiuku and Pollock Settlement, weekly.
22. Railway Station, Pukekohe, Pukekohe East, and Bombay, thrice weekly.
- *23. Railway Station, Pokeno, Queen's Redoubt, and Pokeno, thrice weekly.
24. Railway Station and Post Office, Rangiriri, thrice weekly.
25. Railway Station and Post Office, Taupiri, thrice weekly.
26. Newcastle, Whatawhata, Waitetuna, and Raglan, twice weekly.
27. Newcastle, Whatawhata, Waitetuna, and Raglan, thrice weekly.
- *28. Newcastle and Alexandra, thrice weekly.
29. Whatawhata, Harapipi, and Alexandra, weekly.
30. Whatawhata, Harapipi, and Alexandra, twice weekly.
31. Raglan and Aotea, weekly.
32. Hamilton and Ngahinepouri, weekly.
33. Hamilton and Waitoa, thrice weekly.
34. Railway Station and Post Office, Hamilton, twice daily.
- *35. Hamilton and Cambridge, daily.
36. Cambridge and Pukerimu, thrice weekly.
- *37. Ohaupo, Pukerimu, and Cambridge, daily.
- *38. Ohaupo, Te Awamutu, and Kihikihiki, daily.
- *39. Ohaupo, Paterangi, and Alexandra, thrice weekly.
- *40. Auckland, Harkin's Point, and Waitemata Mills, daily.
41. Riverhead and Ararimu, weekly.
42. Riverhead and Ararimu, twice weekly.
43. Helensville and Kaukapakapa, thrice weekly.
44. Helensville and Kaukapakapa, daily.
45. Kaukapakapa and Komokoriki, weekly.
46. Auckland, Stokes Point, Lucas Creek, Dairy Flat, and Wade, twice weekly.
47. Wade and Parakakau, weekly.
48. Wade and Wangaparua, weekly.
49. Wade and Puhoi, weekly.
50. Waiwera and Orewa, weekly.
51. Wade, Orewa, and Waiwera, weekly.
52. Waiwera and Upper Waiwera, weekly.
53. Waiwera and Puhoi, weekly.
54. Te Kapa and Lower Matakana, weekly.
55. Warkworth, Kaipara Flats, and Tauhoa, weekly.
56. Warkworth, Wellsford, and Port Albert, weekly.
57. Warkworth, Wellsford, and Port Albert, twice weekly.
58. Port Albert and Wharehine, weekly.
59. Warkworth and Pakiri, weekly.
60. Wellsford, North Oruawharo, Te Arai, and Mangawai, weekly.
61. Wellsford, North Oruawharo, Te Arai, and Mangawai, twice weekly.
62. Wellsford, Kaiwaka, and Maungaturoto, weekly.
63. Maungaturoto and Paparoa, weekly.
64. Paparoa and Pahi, weekly.
65. Maungaturoto, Waipu, Mangapai, and Wangarei, weekly.
66. Mangapai and Maungakaramea, weekly.
67. Wangarei, Maungakaramea, and Tangihua, weekly.
68. Wangarei, Kamo, and Ruatangata, weekly.
69. Wangarei and Kaurihohore, weekly.
70. Wangarei and Ngunguru, weekly.
71. Wangarei and Ohaewai, weekly.
72. Wangarei Heads and Waipu, weekly.
73. Wangarei Heads and Parua Bay, weekly.
74. Russell and Wangaruru, fortnightly.
75. Russell and Wangaruru, weekly.
76. Russell and Paihia, weekly.
77. Russell and Kawakawa, twice weekly.
78. Kawakawa, Ohaewai, and Waimate, twice weekly.
79. Waimate, Okaihau, and Hokianga, weekly.
80. Hokianga, Whirinaki, and Omāpere, weekly.
81. Wangaroa and Kaio (overland), weekly.
82. Wangaroa and Totara, weekly.
83. Mongonui, Oruru, Awanui, Kaitaia, and Ahipara, weekly.
84. Ahipara and Parenga, fortnightly.
85. Kapanga and Tokatea, thrice weekly.
86. Kapanga and Tokatea daily.
87. Kapanga and Wangapoua, weekly.

Tenders for Inland Mail Services for 1879 and 1880.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 6th September, 1878.

SEALED Tenders will be received at the several Chief Post Offices in the colony, until Saturday, the 5th of October proximo, for the conveyance of Mails between the under-mentioned places, for a period of two years, from the 1st January, 1879, to the 31st December, 1880, both days inclusive.

POSTAL DISTRICT OF AUCKLAND.

1. Auckland, Newton, and Ponsonby, twice daily.
- *2. Auckland and Eden Terrace, daily.

88. Kapanga and Kennedy's Bay, weekly.
89. Auckland and Waiheke, weekly.
90. Onehunga and Whatipu, weekly.
91. Onehunga and Awitu, weekly.
92. Tauranga and Opotiki, weekly.
93. Tauranga and Ohinemutu, twice weekly.
94. Tauranga and Ohinemutu, thrice weekly.
95. Tauranga and Ohinemutu, daily.
96. Ohinemutu and Taupo, weekly.
97. Ohinemutu and Taupo, twice weekly.
98. Taupo and Napier, weekly.
99. Ohinemutu and Napier, weekly.
100. Chief Office and Queen's Wharf, as required.
101. Chief Office and Railway Station, as required.
102. Landing and shipping Mails, Auckland, as required.
103. " " Onehunga, as required.
104. " " Te Kapa, as required.
105. " " Matakana, as required.
106. " " Wangarei Heads, as required.
107. " " Russell, as required.
108. " " Mongonui, as required.
109. " " Warkworth, as required.
110. " " Mangapai, as required.
111. " " Awitu, as required.
112. " " Wanganui, as required.
113. Maungatawhiri and Pokeno, twice weekly.
114. Ohaeawai and Waima, weekly.
115. Hokianga and Waima, weekly.

POSTAL DISTRICT OF THAMES.

1. Thames and Tararu, daily.
2. Thames and Hastings, thrice weekly.
3. Thames, Puriri, and Neveville, twice weekly.
4. Paeroa, Mackaytown, and Owharoa, thrice weekly.
5. Paeroa and Waitekauri, thrice weekly.
6. Chief Post Office and the Wharves at Shortland and Grahamstown, as required.
7. Landing and shipping mails, Thames Harbour, as required.

POSTAL DISTRICT OF NEW PLYMOUTH

- *1. New Plymouth and Hawera, twice weekly.
- *2. New Plymouth and Hawera, thrice weekly.
3. Hawera and Wanganui, daily.
4. Hawera and Normanby, thrice weekly.
5. Hawera and Normanby, daily.

On the completion of the Mountain Road, the service New Plymouth and Hawera will be from the Railway Terminus, Inglewood or Stratford, to Hawera.

POSTAL DISTRICT OF NAPIER.

1. Napier and Taradale, *via* Meancee, daily.
2. Taradale and Puketapu, thrice weekly.
3. Puketapu and Erewhon, weekly.
4. Farndon and Clive, daily.
5. Hastings and Havelock, daily.
6. Hastings and Kereru, weekly.
7. Railway Station and Post Office, Te Aute, daily.
8. Kaikora and Patangata, twice weekly.
9. Havelock and Pourere, weekly.
10. Waipawa and Railway Station, daily.
11. Waipawa and Hampden, twice weekly.
12. Waipawa and Makeritu, *via* Onga Onga, twice weekly.
13. Onga Onga and Blackburn, twice weekly.
14. Waipukurau and Porongahau, twice weekly.
15. Porongahau and Castlepoint, weekly.
- *16. Kopua and Palmerston North, twice weekly.
- *17. Kopua and Palmerston North, thrice weekly.
18. Waipukurau and Railway Station, daily.
19. Napier Post Office and Railway Station, as required.
20. Napier and Port Ahuriri, twice daily, and also seaborne mails as required.
21. Port Ahuriri and vessels in harbour, as required.
22. Napier and Wairoa, weekly.
23. Napier and Wairoa, twice weekly.
24. Wairoa and Mahia, fortnightly.
25. Tauranga and Ohinemutu, twice weekly.
26. Tauranga and Ohinemutu, thrice weekly.
27. Tauranga and Ohinemutu, daily.
28. Ohinemutu and Taupo, weekly.
29. Ohinemutu and Taupo, twice weekly.
30. Taupo and Napier, weekly.
31. Ohinemutu and Napier, weekly.
32. Gisborne Post Office and vessels in harbour, as required.
33. Gisborne and Ormond, twice weekly.
34. Ormond and The Willows, twice weekly.
35. Gisborne and Whakato, *via* Matawhero, weekly.
36. Gisborne and Tologa Bay, weekly.
37. Tologa Bay and Waipatu, fortnightly.
38. Waipatu and Wharekahika, fortnightly.
39. Norsewood and Ormondville, twice weekly.
40. Waipawa and Tamumu, weekly.
41. Napier and Petane, thrice weekly.

POSTAL DISTRICT OF WELLINGTON.

- *1. Wanganui and Hawera, daily.
- *2. Hawera and New Plymouth, twice weekly.
- *3. Hawera and New Plymouth, thrice weekly.
- *4. Kopua and Palmerston, twice weekly.
- *5. Kopua and Palmerston, thrice weekly.
- *6. Featherston and Masterton, daily.
- *7. Featherston and Masterton, twice daily.
8. Masterton and Woodville, twice weekly.
9. Masterton and Woodville, thrice weekly.
10. Masterton and Castlepoint, weekly.
11. Masterton and Castlepoint, twice weekly.
12. Masterton and Alfredton, weekly.
13. Te Nui, Whareama, and Glenburn, weekly.
14. Featherston and Lower Valley, twice weekly.
15. Waihenga and East Coast, weekly.
16. Masterton and Brancepeth, weekly.
17. Carterton and Gladstone, twice weekly.
18. Bull's and Greatford, daily.
19. Bull's and Sanson, thrice weekly.
20. Bull's and Parawanui, *via* Sanson and Scott's Ferry, thrice weekly.
21. Wanganui and Makirikiri, weekly.
22. Feilding and Awahuri, twice weekly.
23. Wellington and Pahautanui, daily.
24. Wellington and Karori, daily.
25. Wellington and Adelaide Road, daily.
26. Wellington and Ohariu, twice weekly.
27. Karori and Makara, twice weekly.
28. Hutt and Taita, twice daily.
29. Marton and Tataenui, twice weekly.
30. Marton and Crofton, thrice weekly.
31. Chief Post Office and Wharf, as required.
32. Chief Post Office and Railway Station, as required.
33. Wanganui Post Office and Wharf, as required.
34. Wanganui Post Office and Railway Station, as required.
35. Wanganui Post Office and Railway Station, thrice weekly.
36. Marton Post Office and Railway Station, twice daily.

POSTAL DISTRICT OF BLENHEIM.

1. Picton, Grove, and Havelock, calling at Hood's Bay returning, thrice weekly.
2. Havelock and Deep Creek, weekly.
3. Blenheim and Kaikoura, weekly.
4. Kaikoura and Hawkeswood, weekly.
5. Kaikoura and Waiatu, *via* Green Hills, weekly.
6. Blenheim and Renwicktown, weekly.
7. Blenheim and Wairau Valley, weekly.
8. Havelock and Nelson, weekly.
9. Havelock and Homewood, fortnightly.
10. Schoolhouse Kaituna and Spring Creek, weekly.
11. Picton Wharf, vessels in harbour, Picton Post Office, and Railway Station, as required.
12. Kaikoura Wharf and Post Office, as required.
13. Blenheim Wharf, vessels in Wairau or Opawa Rivers and Post Office; also Blenheim Post Office and Railway Station, as required.

POSTAL DISTRICT OF NELSON.

1. Richmond and Riwaka, thrice weekly.
2. Foxhill Station and Sherry River, weekly.
3. Spring Grove and Waimea West, thrice weekly.
4. Nelson and Wakapuaka, twice weekly.
5. Lower Moutere and Nga-Timoti, thrice weekly.
6. Upper Moutere and Thorpe, weekly.
7. Post Office, Nelson, and the Port, as required.
8. Foxhill Station and Foxhill Post Office, daily.
9. Spring Grove Station and Post Office, daily.
10. Hope Station and Post Office, daily.
11. Stoke Station and Post Office, daily.
12. Motueka Wharf and Post Office, as required.
13. Waitapu Wharf and Post Office, as required.
14. Post Office, Motupipi, and Wharves, Waitapu and Motupipi, as required.
15. East Takaka and Waitapu, weekly.
16. Collingwood and West Wanganui, fortnightly.
17. Collingwood and West Wanganui, weekly.
18. Nelson and Havelock, weekly.
19. Foxhill and Hampden, fortnightly.
20. Foxhill and Lyell, fortnightly.
21. Collingwood, landing and shipping mails, as required.

POSTAL DISTRICT OF WESTPORT.

1. Westport and Charleston, *via* Addison's Flat, thrice weekly.
2. Inangahua Junction and Lyell, twice weekly.
3. Lyell and Zala Town, weekly.
4. Reefton and Boatman's, thrice weekly.
5. Reefton and Boatman's, daily.
6. Boatman's and Larry's Creek, weekly.
7. Boatman's and Larry's Creek, twice weekly.
8. Lyell and Upper Matakaitaki, weekly.

9. Brighton and Charleston, weekly.
10. Post Office, Westport, and vessels in Buller River and Lagoon, and Railway Station, as required.
11. Post Office, Westport, and vessels in Buller River and Lagoon, as required.
12. Post Office, Westport, and Railway Station, as required.

POSTAL DISTRICT OF GREYMOUTH.

1. Greymouth and Cobden, daily.
2. Greymouth and Marsden, twice weekly.
3. Greymouth and Marsden, daily.
4. Marsden and Clifton, twice weekly.
5. Greymouth and Hokitika, *via* Marsden, Westbrook, Kumara, Waimea, and Stafford (delivering mails three times a week at Greenstone), daily.
6. Greymouth and Hokitika, *via* Kumara, Waimea, and Stafford, daily.
7. Greymouth and Kumara, daily.
8. Kumara and Hokitika, daily.
9. Kumara and Greenstone, thrice weekly.
10. Ahaura and Orwell Creek, weekly.
11. Reefton and Black's Point, four times weekly.
12. Reefton and Boatman's, thrice weekly.
13. Chief Post Office, Greymouth, and Wharf, as required.
14. Ahaura and Waiau, weekly.

POSTAL DISTRICT OF HOKITIKA.

- *1. Hokitika and Sheffield (Malvern), twice weekly.
2. Hokitika and Greymouth, *via* Arahura, Stafford, Waimea, Kumara, Westbrook, and Marsden (delivering mails three times a week at Greenstone), daily.
3. Hokitika and Kumara, *via* Arahura, Stafford, and Waimea, daily.
4. Kumara and Greymouth, daily.
5. Kumara and Greenstone, *via* Westbrook, thrice weekly.
6. Hokitika and Ross, *via* Kanieri and Woodstock, daily.
7. Ross and Hokitika, *via* Woodstock and Kanieri, daily.
8. Hokitika, Big Paddock, and Hoho, twice weekly.
9. Ross and Gillespie's, *via* Okarito and Five-Mile Beach, fortnightly.
10. Ross and Gillespie's, *via* Okarito and Five-Mile Beach, weekly.
11. Arahura and Teremakau, *via* Chesterfield, weekly.
12. Waimea, Big Dam, and Fox's, twice weekly.
13. Waimea, and Callaghan's, twice weekly.

POSTAL DISTRICT OF CANTERBURY.

- *1. Christchurch and Greenpark, twice weekly.
2. Christchurch and Courtenay, daily.
- *3. Christchurch and Sumner, twice daily.
4. Christchurch and New Brighton, *via* Bingsland, daily.
- *5. Christchurch and Akaroa, *via* Halswell, Taitapu, and Little River, thrice weekly.
6. Pigeon Bay and Akaroa, thrice weekly.
7. Lyttelton and Pigeon Bay, thrice weekly.
8. Duvauchelle's Bay, Little Akaloa, and Okain's Bay, twice weekly.
9. German Bay and Le Bon's Bay, twice weekly.
10. Akaroa and Wainui, weekly.
11. Akaroa and Wainui, twice weekly.
12. Lyttelton and Port Levy, twice weekly.
13. Lyttelton and Gebbie's Flat, twice weekly.
14. Lyttelton Post Office, Railway Station, and vessels in harbour, as required.
15. Kaiapoi and Saltwater Creek, daily.
16. Kaiapoi and Coutts Island, thrice weekly.
17. Kaiapoi and Clarkville, thrice weekly.
18. Mandeville and Eyreton, twice weekly.
19. Oxford and View Hill, twice weekly.
20. Flaxton Post Office and Railway Station, daily.
21. Balcairn and Leithfield, daily.
- *22. Amberley and Hurunui, daily.
- *23. Hurunui and Waiau, twice weekly.
- *24. Hurunui and Upper Waiau Ferry, weekly.
25. Upper Waiau Ferry and Hammer Plains Post Office, weekly.
26. Waiau and Hammer Plains Post Office, *via* Upper Waiau Ferry, weekly.
- *27. Waiau and Hawkeswood, weekly.
- *28. Cheviot and Hawkeswood, weekly.
29. Hurunui and Lake Station, weekly.
- *30. Amberley and Cheviot, weekly.
- *31. Waikari and Cheviot, weekly.
32. Prebbleton and Broadfield, thrice weekly.
33. Irwell Railway Station and Brookside, thrice weekly.
34. Irwell Post Office and Railway Station, as required.
- *35. Leeston and Lakeside, thrice weekly.
- *36. Sheffield and Kowai Pass, daily.
- *37. Malvern Post Office and Russell's Flat, twice weekly.
38. Horndon Junction and Kimberley, twice weekly.
39. Coalgate and Greendale, twice weekly.
40. Coalgate, Hororata, and Windwhistle House, twice weekly.
41. Coalgate and Lake Coleridge, weekly.

42. Coalgate and Hororata, dai
43. Coalgate and Windwhistle House, twice weekly.
44. Dunsandel and Killinchee, twice weekly.
- *45. Rakaia and Alford Forest, thrice weekly.
46. Rakaia and Kyle, twice weekly.
- *47. Ashburton and Mount Somers, twice weekly.
- *48. Ashburton and Mount Somers, thrice weekly.
- *49. Mount Somers and Ashburton Gorge, weekly.
- *50. Ashburton Forks and Alford Forest, twice weekly.
51. Ashburton and Seaffield, *via* Wakanui, twice weekly.
52. Ashburton and Seaffield, twice weekly.
53. Ashburton and Wakanui, twice weekly.
54. Rangitata and Peel Forest, twice weekly.
55. Orari and Waihi Bush, *via* Geraldine, daily.
56. Geraldine and Pleasant Valley, thrice weekly.
57. Geraldine and Hilton, weekly.
58. Temuka and Waitohi Flat, twice weekly.
59. Albury, Burke's Pass, and Lake Tekapo, twice weekly.
60. Albury, Burke's Pass, and Lake Tekapo, thrice weekly.
61. Tekapo and Pukaki Ferry, weekly.
62. Burke's Pass and Dr. Fisher's Station, weekly.
63. Pleasant Point and Raincliffe Station, twice weekly.
64. Timaru and Pareora, thrice weekly.
65. Timaru Post Office, Railway Station, and Landing Service as required.
66. St. Andrews and Blue Cliffs, twice weekly.
67. St. Andrews and Blue Cliffs, thrice weekly.
- *68. Sheffield (Malvern) and Hokitika, twice weekly.
69. Waiau and Ahaura, weekly.

POSTAL DISTRICT OF DUNEDIN.

1. Dunedin and Sandymount, thrice weekly.
2. Dunedin and Portobello, *via* North-East Harbour and Broad Bay, daily.
3. Port Chalmers and Portobello, daily.
4. Portobello, Broad Bay, and North-East Harbour, daily.
5. Portobello and Otakou, twice weekly.
6. Port Chalmers and Purakanui, twice weekly.
7. Purakanui Railway Station and Post Office, twice weekly.
8. North Taieri and Hindon, weekly.
9. Outram and Waipori, twice weekly.
10. Outram and Berwick, *via* Woodside, twice weekly.
11. Outram and Middlemarch, weekly.
12. Waiholo and Taieri Beach, weekly.
13. Kaitangata and Wangaloa, twice weekly.
14. Railway Station, Waitepeka, and Owaki, *via* Puerua, twice weekly.
15. Puerua and Port Molyneux, twice weekly.
16. Balclutha Post Office and Railway Station, thrice daily.
17. Lawrence, Weatherstone, and Bluespur, daily.
18. Lawrence and Tuapeka Mouth, weekly.
19. Lawrence and Waipori, weekly.
20. Pukerau Railway Station and Otaraia, twice weekly.
21. Gore and Waikaia, twice weekly.
22. Gore and Waikaia, thrice weekly.
23. Railway Station, Puketeraki, and Post Office, Karitane, twice weekly.
24. Railway Station, Whatarapuku, and Waikouaiti, *via* Beaconsfield and Merton, thrice weekly.
25. Maheno and Kakanui, daily.
26. Oamaru and Awamoko, twice weekly.
27. Duntroon and Maerewhenua Railway Station, daily.
28. Duntroon and Omarama, weekly.
29. Duntroon and Maerewhenua Diggings, twice weekly.
30. Palmerston and Naseby, twice weekly.
31. Palmerston and Naseby, *via* Macrae's and Hyde, weekly.
32. Naseby and Clyde, *via* St. Bathans and Cambrian's, twice weekly.
33. Waihemo and Macrae's, weekly.
34. Kyeburn and Hyde, *via* Hamilton's, weekly.
35. Hamilton's and Linburn, weekly.
36. Linburn and Serpentine, weekly.
37. Naseby and Kyeburn Diggings, weekly.
38. Ophir and Tinker's, weekly.
39. Lawrence and Cromwell, thrice weekly.
40. Cromwell and Queenstown, thrice weekly.
41. Rae's Junction and Tapanui, thrice weekly.
42. Waipahi and Tapanui, thrice weekly.
43. Tapanui, Crookston, and Dunrobin, weekly.
44. Cromwell and Quartzville, twice weekly.
45. Quartzville and Upper Nevis, weekly.
46. Cromwell, Bendigo, and Albert Town, twice weekly.
47. Albert Town and Cardrona, weekly.
48. Arrow and Macetown, twice weekly.
49. Queenstown, Skipper's, and the Reefs, weekly.
50. Queenstown and Moke Creek, weekly.
51. Queenstown and Kingston, thrice weekly } By steamer.
52. Queenstown and Kingston, daily }
53. Kingston Railway Station and Wharf, daily.
54. Railway Station, Abbotsford, and Post Office, Fairfield, daily.
55. Milton and Adams' Flat, twice weekly.

56. Albert Town and Colquhoun's Station, weekly.
57. Fortrose and Waikawa, fortnightly.

As tenders for Services Nos. 51 and 52 will most probably be decided upon the question of speed, tenderers should be particular to state the maximum speed their steamers are capable of maintaining.

POSTAL DISTRICT OF INVERCARGILL.

- *1. Edendale and Wyndham, daily.
*2. Wyndham and Fortrose, twice weekly.
*3. Invercargill and Riverton, twice daily.
*4. Invercargill and Flint's Bush, twice weekly.
5. Flint's Bush and Isla Bank, weekly.
6. Invercargill and Oteramika, weekly.
7. Athol and Hokonui, twice weekly.
*8. Riverton and Otautau, twice weekly.
9. Otautau and Blackmount, weekly.
10. Otautau and Annandale, weekly.
11. Otautau and Dunrobin, weekly.
12. Winton and Hokonui, weekly.
*13. Riverton and Orepuki, weekly.
*14. Riverton and Orepuki, twice weekly.
15. Long Bush and Dacre, thrice weekly.
16. Winton and Forest Hill, weekly.
17. Invercargill and Mabel Bush, *via* Myross, Roslyn, and Grove Bush, weekly.

The services marked thus, * which may be affected by railway extension, shall be terminable by the Postmaster-General on his giving one month's notice in writing, or a reduction made, at a fixed rate per mile, based on the amount of subsidy, as the railway extends.

The attention of intending tenderers is directed to the following clause of the terms and conditions of contract printed at the back of the tender forms: "The days and hours of arrival and departure to be fixed from time to time as the Postmaster-General may direct. For services performed by coach, no stage shall exceed twelve miles, except by special permission from the Postmaster-General, who shall determine whether or not longer stages are unavoidable."

Contractors, whose tenders may be accepted, must be prepared to carry out the services for which they tender according to the time-tables framed by the department, and which may be seen at the Post Offices from which the services start.

Forms of tender, with the terms and conditions of contract, may be procured at any Post Office.

No tender will be considered unless made on the printed form.

Tenders to be indorsed "Tender for Mail Service, No. , " and addressed to the Postmaster-General, Wellington, and enclosed to the Chief Postmaster of the district to which the tender may specially refer.

By order.

W. GRAY,
Secretary.