

626. When a parcel for delivery is observed to be damaged the addressee should be requested to open it in the presence of the delivering officer in order that the extent of the damage may be immediately determined. This will place the Department in a better position to deal with any claim which may be made on account of the damage. No suggestion should, however, be made relative to compensation either to the sender or to the addressee of a damaged parcel. Neglect of this rule may result in the officer at fault being required to pay any claim which may arise in connection therewith.

627. On the first of each month the Postmaster must make a careful examination of all parcels in his office and satisfy himself that everything is in proper order. He should also at frequent intervals personally supervise the parcel-work with the view of detecting or preventing irregularities.

DESPATCH OF FOREIGN PARCEL-MAILS.

628. The hour of closing parcel-mails for places outside the Dominion should be timely notified, and a paragraph inserted in the mail-notices giving the latest time for receipt of parcels. The chief post-office at or near the port from which the steamer takes her final departure will be the despatching office. Parcels from other places must reach the despatching office at least four hours before the closing of the ordinary mail.

629. Parcel-mails for places beyond New Zealand are made up as follows :—

Invercargill to ..	{ Hobart, Melbourne, London, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth,	{ Adelaide, Perth. San Francisco (by San Francisco route only), Chicago, Seattle (by Vancouver route only), Vancouver,
Auckland to ..	{ Hobart, Cape Town, Durban, Dhanushkodi, Colombo, Singapore, Hong Kong, London, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth,	{ Papeete, Nukualofa, Haabai, Vavau, Suva, Pago Pago, Manila. Colombo, Singapore, Hong Kong, San Francisco (by San Francisco route only), Chicago, Seattle (by Vancouver route only), Suva, Papeete.
Wellington to ..	{ Hobart, Cape Town, Durban, Dhanushkodi, London.	
Christchurch to	London.	
Dunedin to ..	London.	
Rarotonga to ..	San Francisco.	

It may, however, happen that a steamer will leave another New Zealand port, in which case a special mail should be made up.

630. The parcel-mails for Seattle (by Vancouver route only) and San Francisco (by San Francisco route only) are to include registered parcels for the whole of the United States of America, and ordinary parcels for the States not included in the parcel-mail for Chicago. The parcel-mail for Chicago is to include ordinary parcels for the following States: Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North