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## OVERSEA MAILS.

### MEANS OF COMMUNICATION.

I. UNITED KINGDOM—Letter mail for the United Kingdom is sent and received by each available opportunity via the United States, and by the Elders and Fyffes, and Leyland and Harrison Lines of Steamers via Liverpool or Bristol. The Department endeavours to forward mail for the United Kingdom by the most expeditious route in each case. Parcel post mail is conveyed only by the direct steamers.

II. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—Mails (both letter and parcel) for the U.S.A. are conveyed by the steamers of the United Fruit Co., Atlantic Fruit Co., Clyde S. S. Co., and Jamaica Fruit and Steamship Co., the most expeditious opportunity being utilized as far as possible.

III. CANADA—Letter mail for the Dominion of Canada is sent and received by each U.S. mail. Parcel post mail is, however, conveyed only by the steamers of the Pickford and Black Line trading between Halifax N.S. and Jamaica, and the Canadian Government Merchant Marine trading between Montreal and St. Johns and Jamaica about once every three weeks.

IV. CENTRAL AMERICA—Mail communication with these countries is maintained by the steamers of the United Fruit Co., Elders and Fyffes Ltd., and Clyde S. S. Co. For special information regarding parcel post mail for these places see page 34.

V. WEST INDIA ISLANDS—Letter and parcel post mails for the West India Islands are exchanged regularly by way of the U.S.A. The Windward Islands Line also maintains a direct service to Haiti and several of the British West India Islands.

The Canadian Government Merchant Marine maintains a direct service between Jamaica, British Honduras, the Bahamas, and Bermuda.

VI. CAYMAN AND TURKS ISLANDS—An irregular mail service to and from these Islands is maintained by means of schooners and sloops. Letter mail for Turks Island is also exchanged via U.S.A.

VII. Cuba—Mails are exchanged about once a week. There is no direct parcel post exchange with Cuba.

By courtesy of the United Fruit Co., the following schedule of routes, etc. of their regular mail-carrying steamers is furnished.

NEW YORK-JAMAICA-PANAMA-COLOMBIA SERVICE: A steamer leaves New York every Wednesday a.m. and calls on alternate weeks at the following ports:—

(a) Kingston (arrives and leaves Monday), Cristobal, Cartagena, Puerto Colombia, Santa Marta, Cristobal, Kingston (arrives and leaves Saturday), New York, (arrives Thursday)—a round voyage of 22 days.

(b) Kingston (arrives and leaves Monday), Cristobal, Colombian ports as above, Kingston (arrives Friday leaves Saturday), New York (arrives Thursday).

During the winter months a weekly service is maintained between New York, Cuba, Jamaica, Panama, and Costa Rica.

NEW YORK-CUBA-JAMAICA-HONDURAS-GUATEMALA SERVICE: A steamer leaves New York every other Saturday calling at the following ports:—

Santiago, Kingston (arrives and leaves Friday), Belize, (or Puerto Cortez\*), Puerto Barrios, Tela, Puerto Castilla, Puerto Barrios, Kingston (arrives and leaves Thursday), Santiago, New York (arrives Wednesday).

NEW YORK-CUBA-JAMAICA SERVICE: A steamer leaves New York every Friday or Saturday calling at Santiago† and Kingston.

BRISTOL-JAMAICA-COSTA RICA-PANAMA SERVICE: An Elders and Fyffes' steamer leaves Bristol every alternate Monday calling at the following ports:—

Kingston (arrives Monday, leaves Tuesday), Limon, Cristobal, Kingston, (arrives and leaves Monday), Bristol (arrives Monday)—a round voyage of four weeks.

In the foregoing the term "letter mail" refers to letters and post cards, and packages of printed and commercial papers and samples.

\*Alternate sailings calling at Belize one voyage, Cortez the next.

†Alternating at Santiago with the fortnightly steamer.

Elders and Fyffes Ltd. maintain a further service with the United Kingdom, but as the sailing days and routes of these boats vary somewhat according to the seasons of the year their movements cannot be reduced to the precision of a schedule.

In addition to the regular weekly closing on Saturdays for New York by the United Fruit Co.'s steamers, a mail for the U.S.A. is made up every Tuesday for despatch (via Port Antonio) by one of the Atlantic Fruit Co.'s steamers.

The services maintained by the steamship companies named above provides, on an average, two weekly receipts from and five fortnightly despatches to the U.S.A., Canada, and Europe, and one weekly receipt from and despatch to Central America.