

No. 97.

The Hon. the PREMIER, Melbourne, to the Hon. the PREMIER, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Melbourne, 29th September, 1899.

THIS Government has no objection to make to your nomination of your Agent-General for a seat on the Pacific Cable Board.

No. 98.

The SECRETARY to the AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the PREMIER.

(Telegram.)

London, 30th September, 1899.

PACIFIC Cable Board not yet constituted. Unlikely to meet until November. Agents-General the Government New South Wales, the Government of Victoria, nominated, and Colonial Office inquires who will be New Zealand representative. Agent-General expected return early November.

No. 99.

The Hon. the PREMIER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 2nd October, 1899.

PACIFIC Cable Board: You are appointed one of the three Australasian representatives. First meeting takes place November. Very necessary you be present.

No. 100.

The MANAGER, Indiarubber, Guttapercha, and Telegraph Works Company, Sydney, to the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

The Indiarubber, Guttapercha, and Telegraph Works Company (Limited),

SIR,—

279, George Street, Sydney, 5th October, 1899.

In view of the interest at present felt in Pacific-cable projects, we have taken the liberty of sending you, under separate cover, a chart of that ocean [not printed], on which as many as possible of the soundings along the route of the proposed cable are given; but owing to want of space on the chart several hundreds of deep-water soundings, taken to the south of the Sandwich Islands, have had to be omitted. We, however, believe that those soundings which are printed on the chart give a fair indication of the general depth, and that the deepest soundings have been given; thus, if anything, giving an impression of a greater average depth than has actually been found.

Yours, &c.,

The Postmaster-General, Wellington.

E. C. DANBURY, Manager.

No. 101.

The Hon. the PREMIER, Wellington, to the Hons. the PREMIERS, Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 5th October, 1899.

I HAVE introduced Bill authorising effect be given to resolutions *in re* Pacific cable. Maximum cost fixed at one million seven hundred thousand, as is done in the Canadian Act. Shall be glad to have your opinion on this.

No. 102.

The Hon. the PREMIER, Brisbane, to the Hon. the PREMIER, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Brisbane, 5th October, 1899.

REFERRING to your telegram to-day, I intend deferring legislative action till report of preliminary Board has been received. This line of procedure was agreed on between the late Premier of New South Wales and myself when we met in Sydney lately.

No. 103.

The Hon. the PREMIER, Sydney, to the Hon. the PREMIER, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 5th October, 1899.

AM in receipt of your two telegrams of to-day relative to San Francisco mail-service and Pacific cable respectively.

No. 104.

EXTRACT from the JOURNALS of the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES: Friday, the 6th day of October, 1899.

Resolved,—(1) That the Government be authorised to join in the cost of construction and maintenance of a Pacific telegraph-cable; (2) that New Zealand co-operate with the Governments