

No. 170.

The Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington, to the POSTMASTERS-GENERAL, Mauritius and Cape Town.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 2nd November, 1901.

HEARTY congratulations on establishment direct telegraphic communication.

No. 171.

The POSTMASTER - GENERAL, Cape Town, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER - GENERAL, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Cape Town, 3rd November, 1901.

RECIPROCATE your congratulations, and trust that the direct wire may result in a closer connection between not only our Departments, but the colonies we serve, to the mutual advantage of both.

No. 172.

MESSRS. WILLIAM WOOD and Co., Christchurch, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

SIR,—

183, Hereford Street, Christchurch, 22nd November, 1901.

I understood we were to look for a reduction in the cable rates at the beginning of December this year. Is that so? We have a meeting next week of our Chamber of Commerce. Can you tell me where the cable is laid to now on the line to England *via* Africa? Thanking you in anticipation,

We have, &c.,

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

WM. WOOD AND CO.

No. 173.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SUPERINTENDENT, Eastern Extension Company, Wakapuaka.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 25th November, 1901.

KINDLY inform me what sections Cape-Australia cable have been laid, and when the section between South and Western Australia will be completed.

No. 174.

The SUPERINTENDENT, Eastern Extension Company, Wakapuaka, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Wakapuaka, 25th November, 1901.

COMPLETED Durban to Mauritius, Mauritius to Rodriguez, Rodriguez to Cocos, Cocos to Perth. Perth to Adelaide will be laid by "Scotia" last week in January, 1902. Later on will be laid Cocos to Colombo and Cocos to Singapore.

No. 175.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to Messrs. WILLIAM WOOD and Co., Christchurch.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 26th November, 1901.

CABLE rates and your letter 22nd instant: It is announced that the cable rate between Australia and Great Britain will be reduced January next from 3s. 6d. to 3s. a word, but reduction will not affect New Zealand, as it is not a party to the Eastern Extension Cable Company's agreement; nor is Victoria or Queensland. The Cape cable is now completed from Durban to Western Australia, and the final section, Perth to Adelaide, expected to be laid last week in January. [The whole line Durban to Adelaide was opened on the 1st March.]

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