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No. 2.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington, to the Superintendent, Eastern Extension Company, Wakapuaka.

(Telegram.) Wellington, 11th October, 1901. To save time, please give me date on which second Wakapuaka-Sydney cable was opened for traffic.

No. 3.

The Superintendent, Eastern Extension Company, Wakapuaka, to the Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.) SEVENTH May, 1890. Wakapuaka, 11th October, 1901.

No. 4.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington, to the Deputy Postmaster-General, Adelaide.

(Telegram.) Wellington, 11th October, 1901. First New Zealand-Sydney cable opened 21 February, 1876. Subsidy £5,000 a year for ten years. Duplicate cable opened 7 May, 1890.

No. 5.

The Superintendent, Eastern Extension Company, Wakapuaka, to the Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company (Limited),

Cable Bay, Wakapuaka, Nelson, 5th April, 1902.

I have the honour to inform you that this company proposes to supply its New Zealand clients with message-forms to be used for telegrams intended for places outside the colony. I enclose a sample form, and have to request that you will be good enough to submit it to the Hon. the Postmaster-General for his approval, and for his permission for the same to be accepted at all New Zealand telegraph-offices. I would mention that these forms would be appreciated by all clients having cipher addresses registered at the company's offices. Should the sample form not meet with the approval of your Department, I should be glad if you would indicate in what way it could be altered, or improved, to enable your officers to transmit its contents with the least possible delay.

I am aware that many firms in New Zealand are allowed to have their telegram-forms printed, and I would ask that the same privilege should be extended to this company, whose desire is to prevent its clients being put to unnecessary delay and inconvenience by messages being misrouted.

I have, &c., W. W. Browning, Superintendent.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

No. 6.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington, to the Superintendent, Eastern Extension Company, Wakapuaka.

(Telegram.) Wellington, 24th April, 1902. Postmaster-General regrets unable accept your special telegraph-forms. [Confirmed by letter on 5th March.]

No. 7.

The Superintendent, Eastern Extension Company, Wakapuaka, to the Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company (Limited),

Cable Bay, Wakapuaka, Nelson, 9th May, 1902.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant [not printed], in which I am informed that the Hon. the Postmaster-General regrets that he is unable to accept the telegram-form submitted for his approval. As that particular kind of form is more suitable for Australia than New Zealand, I now beg to submit a copy of a telegram-form accepted at all telegraph-offices in Great Britain. This form is very similar to those used in this colony, and if the words "viā Eastern" were altered to "viā Extension cables" it should meet with the approval of the company's clients, and with the unanimous approval of the responsible officials of the Post and Telegraph Department. I have therefore the honour to request that you will be good enough to submit this form to the Hon. the Postmaster-General for his approval, and for his permission for the same to be accepted at all New Zealand telegraph-stations if tendered by the public.

I have, &c.,
W. W. Browning, Superintendent.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.