

Bureau of the Postal Union, but to the Swiss Post Office, presumably for transmission to the Bureau. In these circumstances you will probably think it right to request the Director-General of that office to transfer the telegram he has received to the Director of the International Bureau.

Sub-enclosure to Enclosure 6 in No. 24.

The DIRECTOR-GENERAL of Swiss Posts, Berne, to the GENERAL POST OFFICE, London.

MONSIEUR LE DIRECTEUR-GENERAL,—

Direction Générale des Postes Suisses,
Berne, le 20 Août, 1900.

J'ai l'honneur de vous informer que je viens de recevoir le télégramme suivant de Wellington (Nouvelle-Zélande), savoir:—

“Director-General Posts, Berne.

“New Zealand introduces universal penny post 1st January, befitting commemoration new century. Hope for your favourable consideration.

“J. G. WARD, Postmaster-General.”

J'ai tout lieu de supposer que c'est par erreur que ce télégramme m'a été adressé, aussi je vous prie de bien vouloir si possible me renseigner et, le cas échéant, adresser les communications voulues à l'office de la Nouvelle-Zélande.

General Post Office, London.

Veillez agréer, &c.,
LUTZ, Directeur-Général.

No. 25.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL and DIRECTOR of TELEGRAPHS, Colombo, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Colombo, 24th August, 1900.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 17th instant, relative to the reduction to 1d. the half-ounce of the postage on letters from New Zealand, and to inform you that the new rate will be introduced in Ceylon from the 1st January, 1901, as proposed.

I presume that the adoption of the penny-postage scheme by your colony will be duly notified to this office by the British Post Office.

I am, &c.,

W. C. MACREADY,

For Postmaster-General and Director of Telegraphs.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

No. 26.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Perth, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Perth, 28th August, 1900.

In acknowledging the receipt of your Minister's telegram of the 17th instant, notifying that New Zealand intended on the 1st January next to introduce universal penny postage, I beg to inform you that, as Western Australia has, in common with the other colonies of Australia, already rejected the universal-penny-postage proposal, I fear I am unable to reciprocate the views expressed in the message above alluded to, and therefore, until the question is definitely decided by the Federal Government, this Department will either be unable to deliver letters received here from New Zealand unless fully prepaid at the rate of 2d. per half-ounce, or else surcharge the deficiency with the customary fine to the addressees. Probably the former course will be adopted.

I have, &c.,

R. A. SHOLL,

Postmaster-General and General Superintendent of Telegraphs.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

No. 27.

The Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Melbourne.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 29th August, 1900.

I have the honour to confirm my telegram of the 18th instant, informing you that this colony would introduce universal penny postage from the 1st January next, and to thank you for your congratulatory telegram in reply.

I gather from cable messages from the Postmasters-General of some of the other Australian colonies that the question of reciprocity in this matter is considered to be one for the attention of the Federal Government; but I trust it will be possible for some decision to be come to by the Conference, which it is understood is to meet presently to make recommendations in respect of the fusing of the postal services in Australia, whereby penny postage may be brought into operation between New Zealand and the Commonwealth at the beginning of the new century.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that most appreciative telegrams have been received from the Postmasters-General, London and many of the principal colonies beyond Australia. I venture to