

No. 179.

The Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington, to Mr. J. HENNIKER HEATON, M.P., London.
 (Telegram.) Wellington, 24th April, 1902.
 COMMONWEALTH Australia now agrees admit New Zealand letters prepaid penny rate, and from other parts Empire.

No. 180.

SCHEDULE TO ORDER IN COUNCIL DATED THE 28TH APRIL, 1902.

Letters and Letter-cards.

THE prepaid rates of postage on letters and letter-cards posted in New Zealand for Australia are 1d. for each half-ounce or fraction thereof.

No. 181.

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

SIR,— Westminster Chambers, 13, Victoria Street, London, S.W., 28th April, 1902.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your cablegram advising that New Zealand letters prepaid at the penny rate will now be admitted by the Australian Commonwealth.

The announcement to this effect which has appeared in the newspapers of this country has been made the subject of much favourable notice.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

W. P. REEVES.

No. 182.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 30th April, 1902.

OUR Order in Council fixing penny letter-rate to Commonwealth Australia has been issued.

No. 183.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 6th May, 1902.

I have the honour to forward herewith copy of an Order in Council published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 28th ultimo, authorising the despatch of letters and letter-cards from New Zealand to Australia at 1d. per half-ounce or fraction thereof.

The Postmaster-General of this colony highly appreciates the action on the part of the Commonwealth of Australia in agreeing to accept without surcharge New Zealand letters prepaid at the above-mentioned rate.

I have, &c.,

W. GRAY, Secretary.

The Secretary, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne.

No. 184.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to Mr. E. F. BLACK, Cedar Rapids, Nebraska, U.S.A.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 4th June, 1902.

I have to acknowledge, by direction, the receipt of your letter of the 26th April last [not printed], and to inform you, in reply, that the charge made on the delivery in your country of letters posted in New Zealand prepaid at the rate of 1d. per half-ounce is, I regret to say, owing to the United States Post Office not having yet decided to accept New Zealand penny letters without surcharge. Mexico, on the other hand, has agreed to the reduced postage rate, hence the apparent anomaly.

I enclose herewith, for your information, a list of places the Postal Administrations of which have agreed to deliver without surcharge letters from this colony prepaid 1d. per half-ounce.

Yours, &c.,

E. F. Black, Esq., Cedar Rapids, Nebraska, U.S.A.

W. GRAY, Secretary.

No. 185.

Translation of Letter from Mr. JOSEPH WANKA, Imperial House Councillor, Prague, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington, 12th June, 1902.

ACCORDING to newspaper reports Your Postal Administration is pursuing a further lowering of letter rates in the international tariff.