## No. 168.

The Hon. the Prime Minister, Wellington, to Sir Sandford Fleming, Ottawa.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 31st October, 1902.

Delighted congratulate you on completion great work Pacific cable, thus rewarding your interest and labour by forging further link to advantage of our Empire.

# No. 169.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington, to the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, London.

(Telegram.) Wellington, 31st October, 1902. Pacific cable completed. I send you one of the first messages from New Zealand to convey my heartiest congratulations consummation great Imperial work of far-reaching and lasting benefit to Britons and Britons beyond the sea.

[Also sent to Lord Ranfurly, Hobart; the Chairman, Pacific Cable Board, London; the Agent-General for New Zealand, London; the Hon. Sir William Mulock, Postmaster-General, Ottawa; Sir Sandford Fleming, Ottawa.]

## No. 170.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington, to the Right Hon. Austen Chamberlain, Postmaster-General, London.

(Telegram.) Wellington, 31st October, 1902. My heartiest congratulations on completion Pacific cable, a great Imperial work, the value of which to our countries cannot be overestimated.

[Also sent to Mr. J. Henniker Heaton, M.P., London; Lord Tennyson, Acting Governor-General, Melbourne; Right Hon. E. Barton, Melbourne; the Hon. R. Philp, Premier, Brisbane; the Hon. the Premier, Melbourne; the Hon. Sir J. See, Premier, Sydney; the Hon. J. G. Drake, Postmaster-General, Commonwealth, at Brisbane; the Presidents, Chambers of Commerce, Brisbane, Melbourne, and Sydney.]

#### No. 171.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Melbourne, to the Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

(Telegram.) Melbourne, 31st October, 1902. Hearty congratulations on the happy completion of the Pacific cable, and the addition of another link of Empire, which must serve to bind more closely the component parts of a great people whose aims and interests are so closely identified.

## No. 172.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington, to the General Manager, Pacific Cable Board, London.

(Telegram.)
Sincere congratulations on completion Pacific cable.

Wellington, 31st October, 1902.

[Also sent to the Deputy Postmasters-General, Brisbane, Melbourne, Ottawa, and Sydney.]

## No. 173.

His Excellency the Acting Governor-General, Melbourne, to His Excellency the Deputy Governor, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

I congratulate you on the completion of alternative cable system to a sister colony with which our relations are so close and intimate.

#### No. 174.

His Excellency the Deputy Governor, Wellington, to His Excellency the Acting Governor-General, Melbourne.

(Telegram.) Wellington, 1st November, 1902. I Join in your congratulations on the completion of cable. May it, in addition to its commercial advantages, further bind together in sentiment and feeling all English-speaking people!