### No. 201.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington, to Mr. J. Henniker Heaton, M.P., London. (Telegram.)

Gratified know satisfaction Press people Pacific cable. Sincerely hope news possibility of Chamberlain and Barton completing penny postage may be consummated.

### No. 202.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the PRIME MINISTER.

(Telegram.) London, 10th December, 1902. As one of those who have worked for consummation of Pacific Ocean telegraph cables, heartily reciprocate congratulations [not printed] on opening of line.

### No. 203.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, London, to the Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington. (Telegram.)

London, 10th December, 1902.

Many thanks for your telegram respecting opening of Pacific cable.

# No. 204.

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

(Telegram.) Melbourne, 11th December, 1902. I have to thank you for your telegram of eighth [not printed]. I fully concur in the views and sentiments expressed therein, and regret that my absence in Northern Queensland has prevented an earlier reply.

#### No. 205.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Ottawa, to the Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.
(Telegram.)
Ottawa, 14th December, 1902.
Heartiest congratulations on opening of Pacific cable for business. Trust your anticipations of financial success of enterprise may be realised, but, owing to action of New South Wales, fear there

# No. 206.

is much room for doubt on this point.

Sir Sandford Fleming, Ottawa, to the Hon. the Prime Minister, Wellington.
(Telegram.)

Ottawa, 1st January, 1903.

Premier, Press, and people of New Zealand: On anniversary formal execution of Pacific cable contract, unique partnership six British Governments, am enabled as one result to transmit from Canada for the first time by wire respectful and cordial New Year's greetings.

# CANVASSING.

### No. 207.

The Superintendent, Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay, to the Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.) Doubtless Bay, 22nd September, 1902. I NOTICE outward traffic decreasing. Can you assign reason?

# No. 208.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington, to the Superintendent, Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay.

(Telegram.) Wellington, 22nd September, 1902.

YES: Eastern Company has now an agent in South Island canvassing for business, and I understand he has been very successful in inducing merchants and others to divert messages to Eastern lines. Matter already brought under notice of Postmaster-General, who is cabling to Agent-General to place matter before Pacific Cable Board, with request to be informed whether any action is to be taken to prevent loss owing to methods adopted by Eastern Company.