

No. 14.

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

Westminster Chambers, 13, Victoria Street, London, S.W.,

SIR,—

3rd June, 1903.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your cablegram of the 23rd May last [not printed], instructing me to bring the matter of transferring the depot at Fiji to Auckland before the Board, and this I have accordingly done.

The Board have agreed that Mr. Reynolds shall inquire into the matter, and I have little doubt that if Captain Lacy and Mr. Reynolds concur in recommending that the depot be shifted to Auckland the proposal will be carried into effect.

Something will depend on whether the Government can provide a suitable site for the depot, and I would suggest that the Marine Department might be desired to look into the matter as soon as possible, and that I should be informed as to the result of their inquiry.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Prime Minister, Wellington.

W. P. REEVES.

No. 15.

The Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington, to the CHAIRMAN, Pacific Cable Board, London.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 15th July, 1903.

QUESTION headquarters repairing-ship brought up in Parliament. Urged that Auckland be selected, as healthier than Suva, and better suited ship's company. Would ask Board consider.

No. 16.

The SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay, to the SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTRIC LINES, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Doubtless Bay, 16th July, 1903.

BOARD has agreed to accept Lane and Sons' offer [not printed] to erect cottage provided total cost does not exceed five hundred pounds. Will you please have Mr. Vickerman instructed accordingly?

No. 17.

The CHAIRMAN, Pacific Cable Board, London, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

London, 21st July, 1903.

BOARD awaits Reynolds's report after discussion with Commander of "Iris" before settling headquarters.

No. 18.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 23rd July, 1903.

CAN you inform me in what manner Pacific traffic is dealt with between Sydney and Brisbane? Has a copper wire been erected in the interests of Pacific cable, and is there quad. working? Some time ago it was reported that special copper wire would be erected, but I have been unable to learn that this has actually been done.

No. 19.

The SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Doubtless Bay, 23rd July, 1903.

JUDD says, "A duplex line is provided for the Pacific traffic between Brisbane and Sydney. Two quad. circuits are available in case of a rush."

No. 20.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 29th July, 1903.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter [not printed] of the 26th ultimo, enclosing a statement [not printed] of salaries recoverable from this Department; and, in reply, to inform you that the claim will be dealt with in due course. In rendering future accounts, I should be obliged if you would set out the annual salary paid to each officer.

Yours, &c.,

W. GRAY, Secretary.

The Superintendent, Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay.