

No. 70.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the MANAGER, United Press Association (Limited), Wellington.

(Memorandum.)

General Post Office, Wellington, 10th July, 1903.

I AM directed by the Hon. the Postmaster-General to inform you that a copy of your letter of the 29th ultimo, with reference to the proposed distribution of Press messages at Southport and Norfolk Island, has been cabled to the General Manager of the Pacific Cable Board, at Bamfield, where he will arrive about the 28th instant. He has been asked whether the decision might not be reconsidered in the interests of traffic, and in securing a class of business which does not at present come over the Pacific cable. On receipt of a reply you will be further communicated with.

W. GRAY, Secretary.

The Manager, United Press Association (Limited), Wellington.

No. 71.

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

(Telegram.)

Doubtless Bay, 27th July, 1903.

FOLLOWING from Mr. Reynolds: "Thank Mr. Gray for telegram of first July about Press arrangements. Telegrams at Press rates are governed by special rules. Within those rules we are willing to help in every way. Will be in Australia by twenty-eighth and can explain further."

No. 72.

Sir SANDFORD FLEMING, Ottawa, to the Hon. the PRIME MINISTER, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Ottawa, 1st November, 1903.

ANNIVERSARY completion Pacific cable. No Press messages yet transmitted. Would you favour immediate limited news service between New Zealand and Canada?

No. 73.

The Hon. the PRIME MINISTER, Wellington, to Sir SANDFORD FLEMING, Ottawa.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 2nd November, 1903.

HEARTY congratulations anniversary Pacific cable. The shortening of time in transmission and reduction in rates has proved great boon. An immediate limited news service between New Zealand and Canada would bring the Dominion and our colony, which have so much in common, closer together to the advantage of both.

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 74.

The Hon. AUDLEY COOTE, Sydney, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 5th November, 1903.

I AM authorised from Toronto make your Government offer couple up Australia and New Zealand wireless telegraph system. Firm offer, and conditions follow this early next month. Can complete communication twelve months your satisfaction.

No. 75.

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

SIR,—

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 20th November, 1903.

I have the honour to forward herewith two copies of "The Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1903," to provide for the establishment and control of stations for the purposes of wireless telegraphy.

I have, &c.,

J. G. WARD,

For the Prime Minister.

The Hon. W. P. Reeves, Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

No. 76.

The Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington, to the Hon. AUDLEY COOTE, Sydney.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 2nd December, 1903.

I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your telegram of the 5th ultimo, stating that you were authorised to make the Government of this colony an offer to establish wireless telegraphy between New Zealand and Australia on conditions to be advised of later.

In reply, I have to inform you that your offer has been considered by Government, which, however, regrets that it is unable to deal with the matter at present.

I have, &c.,

W. GRAY,

For the Postmaster-General.

The Hon. Audley Coote, Athenæum Club, Sydney.