

PACIFIC CABLE.

No. 9.

The SECRETARY, Pacific Cable Board, London, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.
SIR,— The Pacific Cable Board, 24, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W., 6th April, 1904.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th February [No. 39, F.-8, 1904], enclosing a statement of the amount expended by your Government's Public Works Department on this Board's behalf in connection with the erection of a cottage at their Doubtless Bay Station.

I am now directed by the Pacific Cable Board to enclose a draft upon the General Manager's account with the Bank of New Zealand, Auckland, for the amount stated—viz., £507 17s. 6d., in favour of the Postmaster-General, and to request you to be good enough to obtain and forward the necessary acknowledgment to this office, and to convey to the Minister of Public Works the Board's thanks for the valuable services which that Department has rendered them.

I am, &c.,

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

HUGH LATHAM, Secretary.

No. 10.

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

(Telegram.)

Doubtless Bay, 25th April, 1904.

FOLLOWING from Judd: Reuter's Australian Manager, speaking annual meeting Melbourne Chamber Commerce, stated that result of Melbourne test match sent urgent rate reached London in two and half minutes Pacific route. Press messages, he remarked, were frequently transmitted same line from one to one and half hours.

No. 11.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 30th April, 1904.

WEATHER telegrams with instructions "*Via* Pacific, Government, collect," expected daily, except Sunday, on and after Monday from Sydney, Hobart, Perth, addressed "Weather, Wellington," consisting as a rule of three words. Kindly arrange.

No. 12.

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

(Telegram.)

Doubtless Bay, 30th April, 1904.

WEATHER telegrams arranged accordingly.

No. 13.

The Right Hon. the SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

(Telegram.)

London, 5th May, 1904.

PACIFIC Cable Conference.—With reference to your telegram of the 16th February [not printed]: Canada and Australia have also now accepted terms of reference proposed in my telegram of 9th February. As I understand in your telegram your Government wish to be represented by two delegates, one to be New Zealand member of Board. Canada, however, has agreed to being represented by single delegate subject to Canadian member of Board being allowed to attend Conference; and Australia has proposed that United Kingdom, Canada, and Commonwealth should each send three delegates—choice not to be limited to by Board—and New Zealand one. I am telegraphing to Australian Government, asking them if they will facilitate early assembly of Conference by agreeing to scheme of representation proposed in my telegram of 9th February. If I can induce your Ministers to fall into line with Canada I trust that they will feel no difficulty in so deciding. Who will be New Zealand representative, and what will be the earliest date by which he will be available here?

No. 14.

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

SIR,—

The Pacific Cable Board, Doubtless Bay Station, 9th May, 1904.

I beg to inform you that the General Manager's offices have been removed from Sanctuary House to Queen Anne's Chambers, Tothill Street, Westminster, and that the Secretary's and Board's office will be transferred to that address within a fortnight.

The General Manager asks that the Postmaster-General be advised of the change of address.

I am, &c.,

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

C. L. HERTSLET, Superintendent.