No. 14.

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

General Post Office, Wellington, 24th August, 1905. I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant [not printed], enclosing a cheque for £152 3s. in payment of the claim of this Department for stationery and canvassing-expenses incurred on behalf of your Board up to the 31st March last.

I have, &c., W. Gray, Secretary.

The Superintendent, Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay, Auckland. [P.C. Fin. 05/20.]

No. 15.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the Under-Secretary, Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington.

New Zealand's Contribution to Pacific Cable Deficiency.

General Post Office, Wellington, 18th September, 1905. (Memorandum.) WILL you please provide in the vote for your office on the supplementary estimates the sum of £8,427 15s. 4d. to cover the amount of this colony's contribution towards the Pacific cable deficiency for the year ended the 31st March, 1905? Copy of Sir Joseph Ward's approval is attached [not printed].

The Under-Secretary, Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington. W. GRAY, Secretary.

No. 16.

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

Doubtless Bay, 21st September, 1905. (Telegram.) I would like the original claim receipted, as it gave full particulars. [P.C. Fin. 05/29.]

No. 17.

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

General Post Office, Wellington, 22nd September, 1905. Sir,-In response to the request contained in your telegram of the 21st instant, I have the honour to enclose herewith original claim, duly receipted, for £152 3s., amount received from your Board in payment for services rendered by this Department. Kindly return the receipt previously sent you. I have, &c.

W. GRAY, Secretary.

The Superintendent, Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay, Auckland.

No. 18.

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

The Pacific Cable Board, Doubtless Bay Station, 30th September, 1905. SIR,-I beg to inform you that I have been instructed by the General Manager, Pacific Cable Board, to countersign the attached claim for salaries recoverable from your Administration, and to forward you the entire file, with the intimation that the amount may be placed to the credit of the Board's London account at the Bank of New Zealand, Auckland.

The General Manager advises me that the amount of interest due is slightly increased by the capital expenditure on the assistant clerk in charge's house and furniture, which expenditure was mainly incurred by the Board at the commencement of the year (May), though some of it had been incurred in the previous year, but its value was not included in the Capital Account rendered for the previous year. The interest has been calculated from the commencement of the year (1st I am, &c., April). C. L. HERTSLET, Superintendent.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington. P.C. Sta. 05/26.]