

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 17.

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

The Pacific Cable Board, Queen Anne's Chambers, S.W.,
26th March, 1906.

SIR,—

The Pacific Cable Board has directed Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, of London, to send you 1,000 copies of a wall-map illustrating the Pacific cable route. It is hoped that this map will be of interest to the public, and the Board will be much obliged if you will have copies distributed to the Ministers and members of Parliament, and the balance exhibited in the principal post-offices in New Zealand, where they will be likely to advertise the cable and attract traffic. Any expenses of distribution will be met by the Cable Board, if the New Zealand Government should think it necessary in advertising a cable in which that Government is largely interested.

I am, &c.,

The Postmaster-General, Wellington.

HUGH LATHAM, Secretary.

No. 18.

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

(Telegram.)

Doubtless Bay, 18th June, 1906.

BOARD's Sydney office opens to-day 11 a.m.

No. 19.

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

(Telegram.)

Doubtless Bay, 21st June, 1906.

GENERAL MANAGER wires: "Did I not definitely arrange with New Zealand Government that in the event interruption Sydney-Brisbane or Doubtless Bay-Auckland, international traffic *via* Pacific was to be booked at usual rates, Board paying Extension cable charges?"

No. 20.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 22nd June, 1906.

DIVERTED traffic: See my letter to you of 23rd November, 1904 [No. 36, F.—8, 1905], stating that this Department had already agreed to come into line, and recommending that your General Manager should communicate with Federal Post Office in the hope that some reasonable basis might be found for an agreement respecting diverted traffic.

A letter dated 20th January, 1905, from General Manager to Secretary, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne, copy of which will be found in telegraph cables papers for 1905, page 19, states that Board would bear whole additional cost of interruptions if Australian transit reduced to one penny per word. On 20th January, 1905, General Manager informed this office that settlement of the case was referred by Postmaster-General of Australia to the Pacific Cable Conference.

No. 21.

The GENERAL MANAGER, Pacific Cable Board, at Sydney, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

The Pacific Cable Board, Devon Chambers, 40 Hunter Street, Sydney,

SIR,—

25th June, 1906.

In continuation of my letter [not printed: see No. 17] advising you that 1,000 wall-maps had been despatched to you from London for distribution in New Zealand, I now write to advise you of the despatch from Sydney to your address of 1,000 tariff pamphlets for the same purpose.