

No. 95.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the DIRECTOR, International Bureau of Telegraphic Administrations, Berne.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 27th November, 1907.

I have the honour to inform you that this Administration has decided to adhere to the Radio-telegraphic Convention, but not to the additional undertaking of the 3rd November, 1906. This Government desires to reserve to itself the power, under clause II of the final protocol, of designating certain coast stations which shall be exempt from the obligation imposed by Article 3 of the convention. For the purposes of the convention, New Zealand should be included in the fourth class of offices—that is to say, the class in which it appears in the International Telegraph Convention.

I have, &c.,

W. R. MORRIS, for Secretary.

The Director, International Bureau of Telegraphic Administrations
(International Radio-telegraphic Convention), Berne.

[Tel. 07/156(13).]

No. 96.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, London, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

SIR,—

General Post Office, London, 5th February, 1908.

I am directed by the Postmaster-General to say that he has been informed of the decision of the Government of New Zealand to adhere to the Berlin Radio-telegraphic Convention. In view of that decision, he thinks that your Administration will be interested to receive the notifications relating to wireless telegraphy issued from time to time by the International Bureau at Berne; and he has pleasure in sending you herewith two copies of each of the five notifications issued hitherto [Nos. 1-4: not printed], together with the annexes to Nos. 2 and 4 [not printed].

The Postmaster-General will also be happy to supply you with copies of any further notifications that may be issued between this date and the formal adherence of His Majesty's Government to the convention on behalf of New Zealand, after which your Administration will of course receive copies from Berne direct.

I have, &c.,

A. M. OGILVIE,

For the Secretary.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

[Tel. 08/389(3).]

No. 97.

The DIRECTOR, International Bureau of Telegraphic Administrations, Berne, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

International Bureau of Telegraphic Administrations (International
Radio-telegraphic Convention), Berne, 5th March, 1908.

SIR,—

I have the honour to forward you herewith a copy of the annual report of this Bureau for the year 1907, for the Radio-telegraph service.

I have, &c.,

E. FREY, Director.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

[Tel. 08/389(10).]

Enclosure in No. 97.

1907—STAFF AND ORGANIZATION.

By the terms of Article XXXVII of the Service Regulations under the International Radio-telegraphic Convention of Berlin, the International Telegraph Bureau was intrusted, subject to the consent of the Swiss Government and the approval of the Telegraph Union, with the duties of "International Bureau," provided for by Article 13 of the Convention. The Swiss Government gave its consent on the 6th December, 1906, and the International Bureau at once asked the Administrations of the Union to give their consent to it performing the duties laid upon it by the Berlin Conference. This approval was given by all the Administrations during the year. In the meantime, in accordance with the wish of the Berlin Conference and with the approval of the Swiss Federal Council, we immediately began to organize the new service. A secretary, Mr. Franz Schwill, Inspector of Telegraphs of the Frankfort-on-Main service, and a clerk, Mr. H. Eggli, of the Swiss service, were appointed by the Swiss Government as future officials of the Radio-telegraph section of the International Bureau, and were to take up their duties as soon as the volume of business should warrant it. As yet the business caused by the new duties imposed on the International Bureau has not, up to the end of 1907, justified these officials taking up their duties, and the present staff of the International Bureau has performed such duties throughout 1907.