

No. 42.

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

(Telegram.)

Doubtless Bay, 23rd August, 1907.

FOLLOWING from Bamfield: "Owing to dispute over handling of American cables with Canadian Pacific Railroad executive, men at Montreal, Winnipeg, and Vancouver have ceased work pending result of conference now proceeding. No work circulating. Will keep you advised. May resume any moment."

[P.C. Interr. 07/65.]

No. 43.

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

(Telegram.)

Doubtless Bay, 23rd August, 1907.

FOLLOWING from Bamfield: "Am now handling our business personally with Wilson (Manager). No result yet known of conference."

[P.C. Interr. 07/65.]

No. 44.

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

(Telegram.)

Doubtless Bay, 23rd August, 1907.

FROM Bamfield, 5 p.m.: "Manager Vancouver advises all men returned work pending result meeting to-morrow. Our business will go through in normal time. Wires O.K., and we are up with Homeward cables."

[P.C. Interr. 07/66.]

No. 45.

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

(Telegram.)

Doubtless Bay, 26th August, 1907.

FOLLOWING from Bamfield: "Strike position in United States remains about the same. To San Francisco, Chicago, New York, and Boston delay is very little above normal, as direct wires exist between Canada and these offices with exception of San Francisco, to which Seattle relays. Companies claim to be handling ordinary traffic successfully, and cables have special attention. The removal of all restrictions across Canada makes position favourable to our business."

[P.C.] Interr. 07/67.]

No. 46.

The Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER to the HIGH COMMISSIONER.

SIR,—

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 29th August, 1907.

I have the honour to confirm my cable message of the 21st instant as follows: [No. 35.]

There has been a very great deal of complaint from Reuter's agents in New Zealand of delays which have occurred on the Pacific route for some weeks past. This slow working was common previous to the strike of telegraphists in America. In some cases it appears to have been caused by electrical storms, but, allowing for unavoidable causes, it is evident that some effort must be made to obviate the delays if the Pacific route is to maintain its prestige.

I have, &c.,

J. G. WARD,

Prime Minister.

The Hon. W. P. Reeves, High Commissioner for New Zealand, London.

[P.C. Time Occ. 07/84.]

No. 47.

The HIGH COMMISSIONER to the Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER.

Westminster Chambers, 13 Victoria Street, London, S.W.,

29th August, 1907.

SIR,—

Referring to your cablegram of the 21st instant, I beg to transmit correspondence with the Pacific Cable Board, by which it will be seen that, in accordance with your instructions, urgent representations have been made as regards the delay which has occurred in the transmission of telegrams across the Canadian Dominion.

I have, &c.,

WALTER KENNAWAY,

For the High Commissioner.

The Right Hon. the Prime Minister, Wellington.

[P.C. Time Occ. 07/110.]