

It is very true they have got several messages across the ocean, but it is so irregular that, as far as we are concerned, I do not think it is in our interest to make an arrangement with them for that traffic. Our present rate from Canso to the cable-terminals at the Pacific Ocean is already small enough, and we cannot make any reduction.

I have, &c.,

JAMES KENT,

Manager, Telegraphs.

A. S. Baxendale, Esq., London Manager and Secretary, Pacific Cable Board, London.

Sub-enclosure No. 3 to Enclosure in No. 17.

The LONDON MANAGER AND SECRETARY, Pacific Cable Board, London, to the MANAGER, TELEGRAPHS, Canadian Pacific Railway, Montreal.

SIR,— The Pacific Cable Board, Queen Anne's Chambers, S.W., 29th September, 1909.

I thank you for your favour of 16th instant, concerning messages by Marconi, and note that you cannot grant a special rate for deferred plain-language messages.

I take it that the rates which will apply to this traffic will therefore be 8 cents, and I shall be glad if you will verify this figure. Though the fact that the ordinary rate for traffic from Bamfield to the United Kingdom is 24 cents is, of course, a matter of knowledge, the distribution of this sum would, so far as this office is concerned, appear to be only a matter of conjecture.

It is assumed that 16 cents is paid to the cable companies, and that 8 cents represents the share of the Canadian Pacific Railway on ordinary Pacific traffic between Canso and the Board's office at Bamfield.

I have, &c.,

A. S. BAXENDALE,

London Manager and Secretary.

James Kent, Esq., Manager of Telegraphs, Canadian Pacific Railway, Montreal.

Sub-enclosure No. 4 to Enclosure in No. 17.

The MANAGER, TELEGRAPHS, Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Montreal, to the LONDON MANAGER AND SECRETARY, Pacific Cable Board, London.

SIR,— The Canadian Pacific Railway, Montreal, 16th October, 1909.

Referring to your letter of the 29th September, any traffic filed by the Marconi Company with the Canadian Pacific Railway at Glace Bay will be accepted at the same rates charged to any one located in Glace Bay—namely, on commercial messages to Australia and New Zealand 58 cents per word, and on Press despatches addressed to newspapers 11 cents per word.

I have, &c.,

J. KENT,

Manager, Telegraphs.

A. S. Baxendale, Esq., Pacific Cable Board, Queen Anne's Chambers, Westminster, London, S.W.

No. 18.

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

SIR,— Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 16th March, 1910.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th January last on the subject of the proposal to introduce a system of "deferred" telegrams between Australia and the United Kingdom.

I note the present position of the matter. Apparently it will not be satisfactorily settled until the Pacific Cable Board has the sole control of an Atlantic cable.

I have, &c.,

J. G. WARD, Prime Minister.

The Hon. Wm. Hall-Jones, High Commissioner for New Zealand, London.

[P.C. Rates 10/7B.]

No. 19.

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

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

27th January, 1910.

SIR,—

In continuation of my letter of the 13th instant, I have the honour to enclose herein copy of a further letter from the London Manager and Secretary of the Pacific Cable Board amplifying the information contained in his letter of the 6th instant, relating to the position in which the Board now stands with regard to the introduction of "deferred" rates.

A copy of the letter in question of the 6th instant went to you with my above-mentioned letter of the 13th instant.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Prime Minister, Wellington, New Zealand.

WM. HALL-JONES.

[Acknowledged 26th April, 1910.]

[P.C. Rates 10/10.]