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No. 42.

The Right Hon, the PRIME MINISTER, Wellington, to Mr. J. M. HAMILTON, Melbourne.

Sir, -- Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 7th December, 1909.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th November [not printed] in which you inform me that circumstances do not at present admit of your visit to New Zealand in connection with the proposed Pacific Radiotelegraph service. I note what you say relative to the Conference on Wireless Telegraphy to be held in Australia, and may say that Government has decided to be represented at the Conference in question.

I have, &c.,

J. M. Hamilton, Esq., The Pacific Radiotelegraph Company (Limited), 100 Queen Street, Melbourne. J. G. WARD.

Tel. 09/344(24).

No. 43.

The Right Hon, the Prime Minister, Wellington, to the Hon, the Prime Minister of the Common-Wealth, Melbourne.

(Telegram.) Wellington, 10th December, 1909.

IF available, kindly telegraph agenda Wireless Telegraphy Conference.

[Mr. J. K. Logan, LS.O., Superintendent of Electric Lines, left Wellington on the 10th December to represent New Zealand at the Conference.]

[Tel. 09/344(28).]

No. 44.

The Hon, the PRIME MINISTER OF THE COMMONWEALTH, Melbourne, to the Right Hon, the PRIME MINISTER, Wellington,

(Telegram.)

AGENDA Wireless Conference not yet available. Will send when prepared. Conference convened to consider prospects for wireless telegraphy in Australasia and with islands of Pacific.

No. 45.

The RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, Cook Islands Administration. Rarotonga, to the Hon. the Minister for Cook and Other Islands Administration, Wellington.

Sir. — Cook Islands Administration, Rarotonga, 17th December, 1909.

Referring to my letter dated 29th November last [not printed], in reference to the subject of establishing a wireless-telegraph station in this island. I have now the honour to enclose for your information copy of a letter, dated 8th December, addressed to me from Mr. C. A. F. Ducorron, of Papeete.

Before replying to the letter, I think it is desirable to await your reply and instructions.

I have, &c.,

J. EMAN SMITH,

Resident Commissioner.

The Hon. James Carroll, Minister for Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington.
Tel. 10/191(3).

Enclosure in No. 45.

Mr. C. A. F. Ducorron, Papeete, to the Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

Papeete, 8th December, 1909.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed favour of the 29th November [not printed], in which you inform me that the New Zealand Government is not prepared at present to discuss my propositions for wireless telegraphy on your island.

Will you be good enough to inform me, by return if possible, if your Administration would offer any objection to the temporary establishment on your island of a station, with neither monopoly, subsidy, nor stated time of authorisation to operate. I ask this, as I may find it possible to put up such a station immediately, for experimental purposes, and in order to give the public a taste of the

service.

Thanking you in advance for the courtesy of an immediate reply.

I have, &c.,

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga, Cook Islands.

C. A. F. DUCORRON.