

No. 87.

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

(Telegram.)

London, 18th February, 1915.

PACIFIC Cable Board meeting to-day. Deferred reduced to 1s. 4d. ; week-end letters reduced to 13s. 9d. for twenty words and 8d. word after.

No. 88.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 20th February, 1915.

PACIFIC reduced rates: Confirm minimum week-end 13s. 9d. (query, 13s. 4d.).

No. 89.

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

(Telegram.)

London, 23rd February, 1915.

WITH reference to your telegram of the 20th February, Pacific Cable Board promised to telegraph you full details through their Sydney Manager on the 18th February. Week-end rates, confirm 13s. 9d. and 8d. word after, but it is for you to consider suggestion which is being made Pacific Cable Board through their Manager.

No. 90.

The SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Board, Auckland, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 2nd March, 1915.

FROM Milward: "Am directed by Board to advise you urgently as follows:—Commencing April 1st international rates from and to New Zealand on pages 1 to 15 Board's tariff list reduced by 4d. per word ordinary and 2d. for deferred, Government by 2d. Week-ends: Terminal rate being, Australia 1½d., New Zealand ½d., reduced rate should be for United Kingdom 8¼d. per word, with minimum 13s. 9d. for twenty words. To avoid practical inconveniences of farthing rate, propose word-rate 8d., with minimum 13s. 9d. If New Zealand can make terminal charges ¼d., rate would then be 13s. 4d., and 8d. Week-ends, Canada, minimum 10s. 5d., word-rate 6d.; same remarks apply. Press and deferred Press unaltered."

"Board ask publication foregoing deferred until your decision made *re* terminal rates and charges for week-ends. Please reply."

No. 91.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Board' Auckland.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 6th March, 1915.

YOUR telegram 2nd: For Milward, rates approved.

No. 92.

The SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Board, Auckland, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 6th March, 1915.

FOLLOWING from Manager, Sydney:—It is not clear whether New Zealand agrees accept ¼d. per word as terminal rate on week-end, which would make this rate to United Kingdom minimum 13s. 4d., word-rate 8d.; Canada minimum 10s., word-rate 6d.; or whether the ¼d. terminal rate is maintained and minimums 13s. 9d. and 10s. 5d. respectively. Please reply soon as possible.

No. 93.

The ASSISTANT SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Board, Auckland.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 8th March, 1915.

CABLE rates, week-end messages: New Zealand requires ½d. each word.