

## No. 128.

The AMALGAMATED WIRELESS (AUSTRALASIA), LIMITED, Sydney, to the ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

SIR,— Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia), Limited,  
Wireless House, 97 Clarence Street, Sydney, 7th October, 1914.

We thank you for your letter of the 1st instant, in which you have advised us that your Department offers no objection to radio communications being made at the reduced rates from ship stations, licensed by the Dominion, when working with Australian land stations, irrespective of the vessel's route.

... We think it is better to have the reduced rates applicable to all vessels licensed in the Dominion or in the Commonwealth than to go back to the higher rates which were previously in force. We therefore propose to agree to the general reduction so far as Australian stations are concerned, but we are reserving the right to return to the original charges if it is found necessary at some future time.

We have, &c.,

E. T. FISK,

The Acting Assistant Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

Technical Manager.

## No. 129.

The SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne, to the ACTING-SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Melbourne, 15th October, 1914.

YOUR letter 21st ultimo *re* wireless rates: Amalgamated Wireless advises as follows: "Wellington states New Zealand Department has no objection reduced rates being applied generally to all vessels licensed in that Dominion when communicating with Australian stations. In view fact Australian Administration insisting upon reduced rates being applied all vessels licensed Australia New Zealand or abandoned altogether, are obliged agree your suggestion for introducing reduced rates for all vessels on and from November 1st, subject to your agreeing reduced rates with "St. Albans," "Tahiti," "Niagara," "Aparima," also on understanding we at liberty withdraw from arrangement and revert to higher rates upon three months' notice if found advisable." Please confirm.

## No. 130.

The ACTING-SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 16th October, 1914.

YOUR cable yesterday regarding letter 21st ultimo: Dominion offers no objection Australia applying reduced rates to all vessels when communicating Australia, but Dominion can only apply its reduced rates to vessels intercolonial trade communicating New Zealand. This course does not interfere with Commonwealth action.

## No. 131.

The SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

SIR,—

Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne, 29th October, 1914.

With reference to previous correspondence relative to the rates for radio-telegrams, I have the honour to inform you, in confirmation of my telegram of yesterday [not printed], that the Postmaster-General has decided to continue the reduced rates—viz., 2d. ship charge, 3d. coast station, and 1d. land line—for all traffic to and from Australia and vessels licensed by the Commonwealth or the New Zealand Administration, irrespective of the vessel's route; the reduced rates also to apply, from the 1st proximo, to the following vessels licensed by the British Administration—viz., "Tahiti," "Niagara," "St. Albans," and "Aparima." The "St. Albans" was included in the list of vessels furnished with my letter to you of the 25th February last.

2. I shall be glad if you will kindly favour me with an up-to-date list of the New Zealand vessels affected.

I have, &c.,

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

JUSTINIAN OXENHAM, Secretary.

[Acknowledged, and list sent, 13th November, 1914.]