

In view of the foregoing, and for the reasons given in the memorandum addressed by the Postmaster-General's Department to the Department of External Affairs on the 1st July, 1913, [see sub-enclosure to enclosure No. 4, F. 8, 1914], in connection with the matter, the Canadian proposal cannot be agreed to by this Administration.

I might add that the quotation in paragraph 2 above is taken from the enclosure to a letter from the official Secretary in Great Britain of the Commonwealth of Australia, which was forwarded to the Postmaster-General's Department by the Secretary, Department of External Affairs, on the 21st January, 1913.

I have, &c.,

ANDREW FISHER.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon. Sir Ronald Munro-Ferguson, P.C., G.C.M.G., &c.

No. 30.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the MANAGER IN AUSTRALASIA, Eastern Extension Company, Adelaide.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 15th January, 1915.

PACIFIC Cable Board has notified intention reduce rates for ordinary cable messages between New Zealand and United Kingdom from 1st April next to 2s. 8d. a word.

No. 31.

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

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

19th January, 1915.

SIR,—

In continuation of my letter of the 5th instant, I have the honour to transmit for your information copy of paper issued by the Pacific Cable Board which gives not only the recent correspondence with this office, but also communications that have passed between the Colonial Office and the Governors of Australia and New Zealand on the subject of terminal rates.

I have, &c.,

C. WRAY PALLISER,

For the High Commissioner

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

Enclosure 1 in No. 31.

[See Enclosure 2 in No. 27.]

Enclosure 2 in No. 31.

[See Enclosure 3 in No. 27.]

Enclosure 3 in No. 31.

The UNDER-SECRETARY, Colonial Office, London, to the SECRETARY, Pacific Cable Board, London.

SIR,— Downing Street, London, 2nd January, 1915.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to transmit to you, for the information of the Board, copies of papers on the subject of the Pacific cable terminal charges.

I have, &c.,

The Secretary, Pacific Cable Board, London.

JOHN ANDERSON.

Sub-enclosure to Enclosure 3 in No. 31.

[See No. 22 and Enclosure in No. 29.]

Enclosure 4 in No. 31.

[See No. 26.]