

No. 55.

The ACTING-SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SUPERINTENDENT, Eastern Extension Company, Wakapuaka.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 4th July, 1914.

LETTER from Mr. Webster dated 25th ultimo, proposed extension week-end telegram service to Ascension, St. Helena, Zanzibar, &c. : Please inform Mr. Webster this Dominion accepts condition as regards minimum of twenty words and the amount as stated by him for that minimum, but cannot agree to proposed charge for additional words where such charges include farthing. For example, Ascension additional per-word rate in excess of twenty, 1s. 1½d., Zanzibar 8¼d. Dominion could only agree in former instance to 1s. 2d., and in latter to 8½d., and likewise in all other similar instances. Dominion credit to be, as at present in force for similar service, ½d. per word. If Webster agrees will amend proposals and submit Minister for approval.

No. 56.

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

(Telegram.)

Adelaide, 10th July, 1914.

COMPANY agrees deliver week-ends Monday, to commence 20th instant, but make stipulation under no obligation deliver Monday unless messages in their hands at receiving-station in time, and will not accept any liability for delays over Monday caused by interruptions, pressure traffic, &c. Kindly say whether Dominion will agree foregoing. *Re* Continental week-ends : If Department accept such messages post London via Pacific please do same Eastern.

No. 57.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 10th July, 1914.

EASTERN agrees delivery week-end messages on Monday, to commence 20th instant. Stipulates messages must be in their hands at receiving-stations in time, and no liability for delays over Monday caused by interruptions, pressure traffic, &c. Kindly say what action Pacific contemplate.

No. 58.

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

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 13th July, 1914.

FOLLOWING advice received from Pacific Cable Board, London :—Week-end messages if received in time at office of delivery will be delivered Mondays instead of Tuesdays, beginning 20th July.

No. 59.

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

(Telegram.)

London, 14th July, 1914.

PACIFIC Cable Board decided that week-end messages shall be delivered Monday if they are at delivery office then. Board under no obligation to deliver before Tuesday. Change takes place 20th July. Please notify New Zealand offices.

No. 60.

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

SIR,—

Westminster Chambers, 13 Victoria Street, London S.W., 16th July, 1914.

I have the honour to inform you that I have received a letter from the Pacific Cable Board (copy of which is annexed) stating that the proposal that week-end messages should be delivered on Monday instead of on Tuesday has, subject to certain conditions, been adopted. The substance of this letter was duly communicated to you by my cablegram quoted hereunder [No. 59].

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Prime Minister, Wellington.

THOS. MACKENZIE.

[Acknowledged, 29th August, 1914.]