

No. 29.

The Hon. D. McLEAN to Mr. C. LEMON.

SIR,—

General Government Offices, Auckland, 21st April, 1871.

Prior to the receipt of your telegram, considerable care was taken to ascertain which would be the most desirable route for carrying the telegraph between Tauranga and Kati Kati, and the present line was then considered the best. Subsequently, since the arrival of Mr. Clarke from Tauranga, Captain Heale and he have been discussing the subject in conjunction with Mr. Sheath, and they have arrived at the conclusion that the present line, under all circumstances, and especially considering its proximity to the Cambridge Line, should that be adopted hereafter, is the best proposed, and I therefore do not see the necessity for any alteration.

C. Lemon, Esq., General Manager,
Telegraph Department Wellington.

I have, &c.,
DONALD McLEAN.

No. 30.

Mr. C. LEMON to Mr. HECTOR McKENZIE.

SIR,—

New Zealand Telegraph, Head Office, Wellington, 15th April, 1871.

The bearer of this letter, Mr. W. H. Floyd, Electrician to the New Zealand Telegraph, has been intrusted with the duty of supervising the carrying out of your contract for the supply and erection of poles between Tauranga and Kati Kati; and I have further to inform you that progress payments for the same will be made to you on his certificate, in accordance with the terms of your contract.

Hector McKenzie, Esq., Contractor for Tauranga
and Kati Kati Line, Tauranga.

I have, &c.,
C. LEMON,
General Manager.

No. 31.

Copy of BOND.

Know all men by these presents, that we, Hector McKenzie, of Tararu, Samuel Young, of Tararu, and Daniel McAuley, of Tararu, all of the Province of Auckland, New Zealand, are jointly and each of us bound to Her Majesty Queen Victoria in the penal sum of two hundred (200) pounds sterling, to be paid to Her said Majesty or her successors, for which payment to be well and truly made we bind ourselves jointly and severally, and the heirs, executors, and administrators of us and of each of us and of every of them firmly by these presents, sealed with our seal, and dated this twelfth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

Whereas the above-bounden Hector McKenzie has lately entered into a contract and agreement with the General Government of New Zealand for the supply, delivery, and erection of six hundred (600) telegraph posts, more or less, according to the agreements, conditions, and particulars mentioned, particularized, and contained in the specification hereto annexed, at or for the price or sum of two pounds sterling for every post supplied, delivered, and erected.

And whereas, at the time of entering into such agreement as aforesaid, the said Hector McKenzie and the said Samuel Young and Daniel McAuley, as his sureties, agree to execute the above-written bond or obligation for the due performance of the work so contracted to be done as aforesaid according to the specification aforesaid: Now, therefore, the condition of the above-written bond or obligation is such that if the above-bounden Hector McKenzie, his heirs, executors, or administrators, deliver to the said General Government of New Zealand, or cause to be delivered, six hundred (600) telegraph posts, more or less, of the size and at the places and at the time mentioned, together with the other works mentioned, specified, and particularized in the hereinbefore-mentioned specification conformably to the said specification in all respects whatsoever, then the above written bond or obligation shall be void and of no effect, or otherwise shall be and remain in full force and virtue.

HECTOR McKENZIE.
SAMUEL YOUNG.
DANIEL MCAULEY.

This contract was signed by Hector McKenzie, Samuel Young, and Daniel McAuley in my presence the 12th day of April, 1871.

ALFRED SHEATH,
Telegraph Engineer.

No. 32.

SPECIFICATIONS for Tauranga and Kati Kati Line of Telegraph.

CONDITIONS and Specifications of Works to be performed in the supply, delivery, and erection of Six Hundred (600) Telegraph Posts, more or less for a Line of Telegraph between Tauranga and Kati Kati, both in the Province of Auckland.

The posts to be sawn from the heart of totara.

The posts to be twenty (20) feet long, eight (8) inches square at the butt, and six (6) inches square at the top.

The posts to be perfectly free from sap, loose knots, shakes, speckled timber, or other defects.

The posts to be sunk into the ground to a depth of not less than four (4) feet.

The posts to be well rammed and left firm and perpendicular when in straight lines.

Angle posts to incline to meet the strain of the wire, and struts to be used where required.