

Postmaster-General, Adelaide, wrote in reply : " South Australian practice as follows :—
Persons, firms, &c. in Adelaide or any provincial town can have code address entered in Adelaide ; thus—

Phillipson & Co.,
Mount Gambier,
can be entered on Adelaide register, say—
Bonus,
Adelaide.

And we transmit messages on receipt to
Phillipson & Co.,
Mount Gambier,
without any additional charge.

If, however, Phillipson & Co. have offices in several towns, they must register a code to each address. Thus—

Phillipson & Co., Mount Gambier,
Bonus, Adelaide,
Phillipson & Co., Gawler,
Beatrice, Adelaide,
Phillipson & Co., Adelaide,
Burnham, Adelaide,
paying usual fee for each code , or they may register code at each place, in which case the messages would bear proper names of places.

Thus—
Bonus, Mount Gambier
Beatrice, Gawler.
Burnham, Adelaide.

The reason why in most cases persons register in Adelaide is because Mount Gambier, Gawler, &c. may not for messages put in at London, or in France, &c., be sufficiently explicit, unless the words ' South Australia ' are added, which increases the cost.

The London Office adopts similar practice. Thus—

Newton & Co.,
Birmingham,
can be registered in London, say—
Portia,
London.

While on the subject of code addresses, it may be mentioned that we do not regard the proper or surname of any individual as a sufficient address, and require it to be registered, as there may be other persons of the same name. Thus—

Thomson, Adelaide,
must be registered.

People complain of this until the reason is explained, when our rule is generally admitted to be a proper one for the protection of the public."

The South Australian rule is the one practically followed in the other Colonies, although we favour the Melbourne modification, which provides that visitors passing through Victoria may register for a month on payment of a fee of 5s.

No. 53.—*Telegraph Code, Alteration of*

It is recommended the following alterations in the Telegraph Code be made, viz. :—

L, for	————	substitute		
X, for	—	substitute	—	—
Y, for	substitute	—	—
9, for	— . —	substitute	—	—
Sig			—	—

No. 54.—*Rate on Telegraph Messages to and from New Caledonia.*

We recommend that messages to and from New Caledonia and New Zealand be treated as International Messages, and charged accordingly

No. 55.—*Fire Alarms—Regulations, &c.*

We recommend that the Laws and Regulations of the various Colonies with regard to Fire Alarms should be uniform, and advise that a code of Regulations be drafted by the Melbourne, Sydney, and Adelaide offices and considered at next Conference, and that the Regulations should embrace the whole question of the erection of wires of private persons erected by the Department.