

Enclosure 1 in No. 47.

The SECRETARY to the High Commissioner, to the CHAIRMAN, Pacific Cable Board.

SIR,— 13 Victoria Street, London, S.W., 22nd August, 1907.

I am directed by the High Commissioner to inform you that he has to-day received the following cablegram from his Government—namely, [No. 35]—and in reference thereto the High Commissioner would be much obliged if you could give him any information in respect of the delay which is complained of, in order that he may transmit it to his Government.

I have, &c.,

WALTER KENNAWAY.

The Chairman, Pacific Cable Board, Queen Anne's Chambers, Westminster, S.W.

Enclosure 2 in No. 47.

The SECRETARY, Pacific Cable Board, to the HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND.

SIR,— Queen Anne's Chambers, London, S.W., 29th August, 1907.

In reply to your letter of the 22nd August, addressed to the Chairman of the Pacific Cable Board, regarding delays to traffic in Canada, I am directed to inform you that the recent delays have been inquired into by the General Manager, and urgent representations have been made to the Canadian Pacific Railway authorities, and also to all the Atlantic companies concerned.

The strike of telegraphists in the United States, although it has not extended generally to Canada, has, it is reported, disorganized working in that country to some extent, and the slow working is attributed to an insufficient force of men being available. The General Manager is assured that every effort is being made to meet the position.

I have, &c.,

FRED. J. ADYE, Secretary.

The High Commissioner for New Zealand.

No. 48.

The GENERAL MANAGER, Pacific Cable Board, London, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

Pacific Cable Board, Queen Anne's Chambers, Tothill Street, Westminster,
London, 11th September, 1907.

SIR,—

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter [No. 23, F.—8, 1907] dated 13th June.

It was considered desirable to address the Eastern Telegraph Company before preparing any case for the International Office at Berne, as it appeared that Mr. Warren's position, as detailed in his letter to you dated 26th April [No. 21, F.—8, 1907] did not bear examination, and that the reference might prove unnecessary.

I forward for your information copy of my letter of the 31st July to the Eastern Company, and a copy of their letter to Mr. Warren dated 30th August which resulted therefrom. I had also several interviews with the company's officials, and we discussed the matter thoroughly.

The correspondence speaks for itself, and the justice of the claim of the New Zealand Government to route *via* Extension and Southport, or *via* Pacific and Southport, is recognised not merely for the first twenty-four hours of an interruption, but so long as an interruption lasts.

The Pacific Cable Board is prepared to pay out the charges of the Extension Company and of the Australian or New Zealand Governments (as the case may be) in full in the event of an interruption south of Norfolk Island requiring the deviation of Pacific traffic *via* the Extension Company's cables between Wakapuaka and La Perouse. I have already asked Mr. Milward to notify this to you and to the Commonwealth Government. An interruption south of Norfolk Island therefore has no effect on the charges to the public *via* Pacific so long as one route to that island is open, and messages may be booked as usual.

As regards messages *in course of transmission* when an interruption south of Norfolk Island occurs the Convention rules regarding *pro rata* charges would apply during twenty-four hours. Such cases would practically be confined to traffic from the north of Norfolk Island, and the cases would be very rare.

I have, &c.,

C. H. REYNOLDS,

General Manager.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

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The GENERAL MANAGER, Pacific Cable Board, London, to the TRAFFIC ACCOUNTANT, Eastern Telegraph Company, London.

SIR,—

The Pacific Cable Board, Queen Anne's Chambers, London, 31st July, 1907.

The New Zealand Government has forwarded to this Board a copy of a letter from Mr. W. Warren, dated the 26th April, and as it is not satisfied with the view of the International Regulations taken in that letter, it has suggested that the Pacific Cable Board should state a case to the International Office at Berne.