

CANADIAN LAND LINE.

No. 20.

The MANAGER IN THE PACIFIC, Pacific Cable Board, Sydney, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

SIR,—

Dixson's Buildings, 64 Pitt Street, Sydney, 24th August, 1910.

I have the honour to inform you that I have to-day received the following advice: "The Pacific Cable Board have taken over working trans-Canadian line Bamfield to Montreal. This means traffic is only handled once between Montreal and Fanning Island; distance, six thousand five hundred miles. It is hoped quicker and more accurate transmission will be afforded international messages."

I have, &c.,

T. CHAPMAN JUDD,
For Manager in the Pacific.

The Secretary, Post and Telegraph Department, Wellington.

[P.C. Fin. and Constr. 10/182.]

No. 21.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the MANAGER IN THE PACIFIC, Pacific Cable Board, Sydney.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 1st September, 1910.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo, notifying that your Board has taken over the working of the line between Bamfield and Montreal.

I congratulate you on the completion of the action taken by the Board to secure the line, and hope that our expectations for a faster and more accurate service across Canada will be realized.

I have, &c.,

D. ROBERTSON, Secretary.

The Manager in the Pacific, Pacific Cable Board, 64 Pitt Street, Sydney.

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DEFERRED CABLE MESSAGES.

No. 22.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 9th August, 1910.

WHAT result Conference deferred cables?

[P.C. Rates 10/71.]

No. 23.

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

(Telegram.)

London, 10th August, 1910.

WITH reference to your telegram of 9th August, Pacific Cable Board proposed deferred rate 1s. 6d. per word, with minimum charge plain-language message delivered after forty-eight hours. British postal authorities opinion this must be approved by parties to Lisbon Convention, and called informal preliminary meeting representatives Pacific Cable Board, Eastern, Anglo-American, Eastern Extension, Western Union. Present consensus opinion experiment should be tried. General disapproval forty-eight hours delay and minimum charge. No meeting of Board since. Understand Postmaster-General now approaching France, Germany, if favourably disposed. Probably general conference all cable companies will be called. Personally believe best solution 1s. 6d. ordinary and 3s. 1d. urgent. Astonished our action restricted by Convention. Wrote last mail.

[P.C. Rates 10/72.]