

No. 38.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, London, to the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

London, 6th January, 1912.

LIST of dominions and countries which are accepting half-rate telegrams: United Kingdom, Aden, Antigua, Ascension, Australia, Bahamas, Barbadoes, Bathurst, Bermuda, British Guiana, British North Borneo, Canada, Ceylon, Cocos, Cyprus, Dominica (Island), East Africa and Uganda, Fanning Island, Fiji (Levuka and Suva), Gold Coast, Grenada, Hong Kong (*via* Eastern and Indo only), India and Burmah, Jamaica, Labuan, Mauritius, Newfoundland, New Zealand, Nigeria Northern, Nigeria Southern, Norfolk Island, Perim, Rhodesia Southern, Rodriguez, St. Helena, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somaliland, South African Union, Straits Settlements, Federated Malay States, Trinidad, Turks Islands, Zanzibar, France, Algeria, Tunis, Germany, Portugal; German colonies of Togo, Cameroons, South-west and East Africa (with European countries only); China (with Great Britain, France, Algeria, Tunis, Germany, Portugal only); Cuba (with Canada and European countries only); United States (*via* Commercial to all destinations to which the trans-Atlantic cables are a normal route, *via* Western Union to European countries only).

[P.C. Rates 12/100.]

No. 39.

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

(Telegram.)

Adelaide, 6th January, 1912.

THANKS *re* Canada. London now advises me company will accept for United States of America *via* Europe, but German colonies not yet settled.

[P.C. Rates 12/99.]

[Other countries and places added since.]

No. 40.

The Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER OF THE COMMONWEALTH, Melbourne, to the Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER, Wellington.

SIR,—

Melbourne, 22nd January, 1912.

Adverting to your letter of the 6th ultimo, with respect to a proposal for the introduction of an experimental system of deferred plain-language cable messages *via* the Pacific cable between Australia and New Zealand, I have the honour to inform you that my colleague the Postmaster-General has given this matter further consideration, but is unable to agree to a reduction in the terminal rate on messages exchanged with New Zealand, which would involve transmitting those messages within Australia at a rate less than is charged for the transmission of messages between places in the Commonwealth.

I have, &c.,

ANDREW FISHER.

The Right Hon. the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Wellington.

[P.C. Rates 12/105.]

No. 41.

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

SIR,—

Dixon's Buildings, 64 Pitt Street, Sydney, 31st January, 1912.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant [not printed], covering a copy of letter from Messrs. Dexter and Crozier (Limited), Christchurch, complaining they were unable to send cablegrams to the United States of America at deferred rates.

You are, I think, already aware that the Pacific Cable Board and the Governments concerned are willing and anxious to extend the deferred-rate system to America, but so far my Board have not succeeded in inducing the American telegraph companies to grant this privilege to traffic from Australasia reaching America by the Pacific route.

The matter is still receiving the urgent attention of the Board, and very strong representations have been made to the American companies regarding their action, which I hope will result in a satisfactory agreement being arrived at very shortly.

Meanwhile I am submitting a copy of Messrs. Dexter and Crozier's letter to my Board for their information.

I have, &c.,

J. MILWARD,

Manager in the Pacific.

The Secretary, Post and Telegraph Department, Wellington.

[P.C. Rates 12/35.]

[Communicated to Messrs. Dexter and Crozier, 12th February.]