

(4.) They may be handed in at any such cable-office or at any post-office. In the latter case the messages will be forwarded to the Cable Company by post in official envelopes, postage free, and they must therefore be handed in in time to allow of their reaching the company by the hour prescribed.

(5.) But, if the sender so desires, the Post Office will forward them to the Cable Company by telegraph, provided the sender pays the inland telegraph rate in addition to the charges named below.

(6.) The messages will be despatched at the convenience of the Cable Company between midnight on Saturday and Monday morning, other traffic being given preference.

(7.) Delivery in the country of destination will not be made until the hour on Monday evening for the outgoing of general night mails in that country; messages for places beyond the terminus of the cable being forwarded by such mails.

(8.) But, where the sender so desires, delivery will be made at that hour by telegraph if, in addition to any other charges, the sender pays the inland rate for telegrams in the country of destination, viz.: For delivery of messages in United Kingdom, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per word; for delivery of messages in Australia, 1d. per word; for delivery of messages in New Zealand, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per word. (Eastern inquiring, as some doubt exists, whether Australia will require 2d. or 1d. only on telegrams telegraphed from cable-stations.)

(9.) The cable rate of charge will be 9d. per word, subject to a minimum charge of 18s. per message.

I have, &c.,

L. WEBSTER,

Manager in Australasia.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

[P.C. Rates 13/65-6.]

No. 14.

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

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 14th December, 1912.

I AM directed by my Board to submit following details of scheme for week-end cablegrams, and learn your Administration's consent to its adoption.

Following are details of the contemplated week-end cablegrams, week-end letters:—

1. On and after first January, 1913, there will be established between United Kingdom and Australia and New Zealand a new service of cable messages which will be known as "week-end cable-letters."

2. These messages must be written in plain language, will be subject to same rule as applicable to deferred ordinary messages.

Except that if messages are posted, they cannot be sent to code-indicators, but must be fully addressed.

Distinguishing-indicator (counted as one chargeable word) is under consideration, and will be communicated later.

3. They must be received at a cable-office not later than midnight on Saturday.

4. They may be handed in at the Board's Sydney office or at any post-office in Australia and New Zealand. In the latter case the messages will be forwarded to the cable-office by post in official envelopes, and they must therefore be handed in in time to allow of their reaching the Board's office by the hour prescribed.

5. But, if the sender so desires, the Post Office will forward them to the Pacific Cable Board by telegraph, provided the sender pays the inland telegraph rate in addition to the charges named below.

6. The message will be despatched at the convenience of the Pacific Cable Board between midnight on Saturday and Monday morning, other traffic being given preference.

7. * Delivery in the country of destination will not be made until the hour on Monday evening for the outgoing of general night mails in that country, messages for places beyond the terminus of the cable being forwarded by such mails.

8. But where the senders so desire, delivery will be made at the hour by telegraph if, in addition to any other charges, the sender pays the inland rate for telegrams in that country of destination, viz.: For delivery of messages in Australia, one penny per word; for delivery of messages in United Kingdom, halfpenny per word; for delivery of messages in New Zealand, halfpenny per word.

9. The cable rate of charge will be ninepence per word, subject to a minimum charge of eighteen shillings per message; the rates to be divisible as follows:—

For minimum of eighteen shillings: Australian traffic—Atlantic companies, four shillings and sixpence; Pacific Cable Board, eleven shillings and sixpence; Commonwealth, two shillings. New Zealand traffic—Atlantic companies, four shillings and sixpence; Pacific Cable Board, thirteen shillings and sixpence; New Zealand, nil.

Division for each extra word: Australian traffic—Atlantic companies, twopence halfpenny; Pacific Cable Board, fivepence halfpenny; Commonwealth, one penny. New Zealand traffic—Atlantic companies, twopence halfpenny; Pacific Cable Board, sixpence halfpenny; New Zealand, nil.

On messages posted to or from cable-offices in Australia Commonwealth gives free postage. On messages posted to or from cable-office in New Zealand postage must be paid. In the direction to cable-offices, it must be collected from the senders; in the direction from cable-offices, by Pacific Cable Board.

Cable-offices for via Pacific week-end telegrams to be defined as "Sydney" and "Southport" in Australia; "Auckland" in New Zealand.

[P.C. Rates 13/57-9.]

* Paragraph (7) revised to read as follows: "No message will be delivered before eight a.m. on Tuesday, but messages that are to be forwarded by post to distant destinations will be posted as soon after receipt at a cable-station as may be consistent with their not being delivered before that time."