

As the Atlantic Company decline to reduce their present minimum charge of 4s. 6d. for a message of twenty-four words, that sum will be paid to the Atlantic Company on all messages up to twenty-four words, the excess, in the case of messages under twenty-four words, being taken from the Pacific Cable Board's share.

So soon as the date for introduction has been definitely fixed I will advise you.

I have, &c.,

F. J. ADYE, Secretary.

The High Commissioner for New Zealand, 13 Victoria Street S.W.

Enclosure 2 in No. 43.

The CHAIRMAN, Pacific Cable Board, London, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

London, 9th April, 1914.

PACIFIC Cable Board purpose introduce 9d. rate for wets [week-end letters], including telegraphic transmission throughout, minimum twenty words 15s. Rate includes $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per word New Zealand. Do you concur? Will advise date of introduction.

[For reply see No. 42.]

No. 44.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 21st April, 1914.

NEW ZEALAND agrees accept halfpenny per word terminal charge on week-end messages. Delivery to continue on Tuesday; prefix TWT only to be used; messages to be telegraphed throughout. For messages exchanged with Great Britain, Germany, and Union South Africa, rate to be ninepence, tenpence, and eightpence per word respectively, including all terminal rates; minimum of twenty words. To operate from 1st proximo. No objection include South and North Rhodesia and Nyassaland on same basis.

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No. 45.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Board, Auckland.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 21st April, 1914.

WEEK-END cable messages: Eastern Extension Company propose commence 1st proximo week-end messages; prefix TWT only to be used; messages to be telegraphed throughout. Messages to be exchanged with Great Britain, Germany, and Union South Africa. Rate to be ninepence, tenpence, and eightpence per word respectively, including all terminal charges (New Zealand halfpenny per word in each case); minimum twenty words. Probably include South and North Rhodesia and Nyassaland on similar basis later.

Necessary, in order prevent confusion public mind, that similar Pacific rate should operate from same date in respect messages for Great Britain and Germany. Hope Board agree to this.

No. 46.

The SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Board, Auckland, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 21st April, 1914.

YOUR service message to-day *re* week-end cablegrams has been forwarded to head office. Hope to be able reply shortly.

No. 47.

The SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Board, Auckland, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 22nd April, 1914.

THE following telegram has been received from my Board in London: "Week-end letter telegrams, Germany. Board have matter in hand with connecting companies, but no definite arrangements yet concluded. Will keep you advised for advice to Commonwealth and New Zealand."

No. 48.

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

(Telegram.)

Adelaide, 24th April, 1914.

THANKS for wire twenty-first *re* week-ends. Service with Germany will require be held in abeyance until single service accepted by Commonwealth and transit rate agreed, which hope will be before first proximo. Company now submit following additions for your consideration: South Rhodesia ninepence, North Rhodesia and Nyassaland tenpence halfpenny word, subject revised conditions; minimum charge twenty words.