

No. 54.

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

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 8th May, 1914.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, in reference to the revised conditions for the transmission of week-end cable messages.

I confirm my cable messages of the 25th ultimo and 1st instant, as under [see Nos. 50 and 53].

This Department will be glad to learn when the services to the above-mentioned places, and also to Germany, can commence.

I have, &c.,

W. R. MORRIS, Secretary.

The Manager in Australasia, Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company (Limited), Adelaide.

No. 55.

The DIRECTOR-GENERAL, Posts and Telegraphs, Simla, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Simla, 14th May, 1914.

It is proposed introduce week-end cable-letter system between Australasia and India, including Burma. Indian terminal 11 centimes a word, and share of Administrations beyond India 77·125 centimes a word, with a minimum of twenty words. Charges in India 10 rupees 9 annas for twenty words or less, and 9 annas for each additional word. Messages will be subject to same rules as deferred. Delivery Tuesday; prefix TWT; messages to be dealt with telegraphically throughout. This Administration agrees, and would be glad if you will intimate whether you concur and date from which service may commence.

No. 56.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the DIRECTOR-GENERAL, Posts and Telegraphs, Simla.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 14th May, 1914.

WEEK-END cable-letter system. New Zealand agrees exchange week-end cable letters with India and Burma as proposed; through rate to be 8½d. per word, including New Zealand terminal rate of ½d. per word. Minimum, twenty words. Messages subject same rules deferred. Delivery Tuesday. Messages to be telegraphed throughout; prefix TWT only to be used. New Zealand ready commence service whenever you desire.

No. 57.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the MANAGER IN AUSTRALASIA, Eastern Extension Company (at Wakapuaka).

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 14th May, 1914.

PLEASE see service from Director-General, India, regarding week-end service India, Burma, and my reply. I note Ceylon is not mentioned.

No. 58.

The MANAGER IN AUSTRALASIA, Eastern Extension Company (at Wakapuaka), to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Wakapuaka, 15th May, 1914.

THANKS for information *re* week-ends. Omission Ceylon is apparently due to Commonwealth referring matter to Director-General, India, before replying company's offer *re* India, Burma, and Ceylon. Director-General only replied *re* India and Burma, as Ceylon is Crown colony.

No. 59.

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

(Telegram.)

Adelaide, 21st May, 1914.

COMMONWEALTH approves arrangement with India, Burma, and Ceylon, which comes into force from to-day.

No. 60.

The DIRECTOR-GENERAL, Posts and Telegraphs, Simla, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Simla, 21st May, 1914.

WEEK-END cable letters from India, Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand are accepted from to-day.