

No. 8.

The Hon. Mr. McLEAN to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Sydney.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 18th September, 1877.

WOULD be glad to be informed by Thursday whether your colony intends entering Postal Union. Recent correspondence from Colonial Office sets forth terms more favourable to colonies.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Sydney.

GEO. McLEAN.

[NOTE.—Telegrams of the same tenor were also sent to the Postmasters-General at Melbourne and Adelaide.]

No. 9.

Mr. McGOWAN to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Melbourne, 19th September, 1877.

It has been decided to postpone taking any action in regard to entering Postal Union, until the whole question of ocean postal service is again dealt with.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

S. W. McGOWAN,
Acting Deputy Postmaster-General.

No. 10.

Mr. LAMBTON to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 20th September, 1877.

Re telegram of 18th. Matter seems to me to be one in which whole of colonies should take uniform action. It certainly now appears desirable that colonies should look more favourably on proposal to join Union. I am inclined to propose that one or two officers from each Post Office meet, say, at Melbourne, to discuss details involved, and bring up report, to be submitted to Government of each colony. What is your opinion?

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

S. H. LAMBTON,
(for Postmaster-General.)

No. 11.

Mr. TODD to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Adelaide, 22nd September, 1877.

SEMI-OFFICIAL. Government waiting my report. All colonies should agree before any join. Think might do so with advantage if colonies left at liberty to arrange between themselves contributions of ocean mail services, and England still pay portion postage as now. Agreement with England terminates this year, but must be continued on similar basis. Be glad to have your views to submit, as my own are not yet before Government.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

C. TODD.

No. 12.

The Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Sydney, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 19th October, 1877.

PLEASE reply at earliest convenience to my telegram of twentieth ultimo, respecting International Postal Union.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

No. 13.

The Hon. Mr. FISHER to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Sydney.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 20th October, 1877.

Postal Union. Reply early next week. Regret delay. Occasioned pressure important questions.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Sydney.

J. T. FISHER.

No. 14.

Mr. TODD to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 26th October, 1877.

SEMI-OFFICIAL. Before joining Union we shall require United Kingdom to agree to account to colonies for postage collected in United Kingdom on same basis as now, to partly reimburse colonies for cost of ocean services between Galle, Frisco, and Singapore, and we should be at liberty to charge eightpence, *via* Brindisi, as now, to cover cost of continental transit rates. This, I think, would be consented. Shall be glad to know decision arrived at.

Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

C. TODD.