### No. 18.

## Mr. H. CONNELL to the UNDER SECRETARY.

(Telegram.)

PLEASE wire if any whitefish shipment shortly due intended for our Society. What number cases, and when expected at Lyttelton?

G. S. Cooper, Esq., Wellington.

Hon. Secretary, Acclimatization Society.

No. 19.

The Assistant Under Secretary to Mr. H. Connell.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 11th February, 1879.

Whitefish ova to arrive per Fr'isco steamer not part of any ova ordered by Government, but a small shipment sent by a firm on speculation. Not intended to send any to Oamaru. Dunedin Society might possibly spare you some.

Amelius M. Smith.

H. Connell, Esq., Hon. Secretary, Acclimatisation Society, Oamaru.

#### No. 20.

#### Mr. A. M. Johnson to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Sir,—
If the Government should kindly see fit to intrust me with any of the whitefish ova, I beg to state that I have every appliance for hatching out a very large number, and that I have made especial arrangements, as regards temperature and other details, with a view to carrying out the wishes of the American Government in throwing further light on the successful hatching and rearing of these fish artificially.

My ice-chest is still at Messrs. Macfarlane and Henderson's, Auckland, and is large enough to hold the ova and sufficient ice to bring them here without opening the box during transit to replenish, which is detrimental to the ova.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

A. M. Johnson.

#### No. 21.

### Mr. A. M. JOHNSON to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 8th February, 1879.

Hope you will let me have some whitefish ova. Every preparation made.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

A. M. Johnson.

# No. 22.

# The Assistant Under Secretary to Mr. A. M. Johnson.

(Telegram.)

You had better see Mr. Farr about ova. I have wired him asking if he can let you have some.

A. M. Johnson, Esq., Opawa, Christchurch.

Wellington, 10th February, 1879.

Amelius M. Smith.

## No. 23.

# The Assistant Under Secretary to Mr. S. C. Farr.

(Telegram.)

Mr. Johnson, of Opawa, asks for box of whitefish ova.

Can you spare him some from those to be sent you?

Have told him to see you.

S. C. Farr, Esq.,

AMELIUS M. SMITH.

Secretary, Acclimatisation Society, Christchurch.

## No. 24.

#### Mr. S. C. FARR to the Assistant Under Secretary.

(Telegram.)

WE have made every arrangement to receive the whole of the ova on behalf of the Government for the public, and we think they ought not to be separated, especially as Mr. Johnson's application is for a private purpose.

Amelius M. Smith, Esq., Wellington.

S. C. FARR.

# No. 25.

## Mr. A. M. Johnson to the Assistant Under Secretary.

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 11th February, 1879.

Sorny to hear your arrangements. So many whitefish and salmon shipments have been lost through gross mismanagement of Society here. Farr violently seized box of salmon ova forwarded me, and refused to recognize right of the Government. The many experiences of his jealous ill-will affords no hope that public interest will have any consideration.

Amelius M. Smith, Esq., Wellington.

A. M. Johnson.