

No. 8.

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

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 12th November, 1885.

ADVERTING correspondence *re* renewal New Zealand cable subsidy conditionally on reduction charges, has your Government yet arrived at decision in the matter?

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

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No. 9.

Mr. SQUIER, Superintendent, Eastern Extension Company, Sydney, to Dr. LEMON, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 14th November, 1885.

THE next International Telegraph Conference will meet in 1890. This company's chairman has lately had interview with Agents-General respecting reduced rates, and both Agents and company are bringing pressure to bear on India to reduce her transit rate, so that the reduced tariff may come into force on first July next, when new convention takes effect.

J. E. SQUIER,

Dr. Lemon, Wellington.

Sydney.

No. 10.

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

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 16th December, 1885.

No answer received *re* your Government's views renewal New Zealand cable subsidy: *vide* my telegram 12th ultimo. Kindly reply early.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

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No. 11.

The Hon. Sir J. VOGEL, Wellington, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Sydney.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 23rd December, 1885.

IN reply to your telegrams *re* cable subsidy, we will be glad join you in continuing a subsidy for five years on condition that charge for Press messages shall not exceed threepence a word, and for other messages not exceed sixpence a word, these prices to apply to any length of message. You will observe I have said "a subsidy," by which I mean not more than we are at present paying, but less if you think such should be our offer.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Sydney.

JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 12.

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

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 31st December, 1885.

Re your telegram cable subsidy, local superintendent states his company willing accede to further reductions in rates other than those mentioned in correspondence—namely, five shillings ten words; sixpence each additional word. Press messages threepence per word if furnished with Press guarantee that three times as much business will be done under reduced charge. Matter urgent, as company desirous of rearranging tariff upon higher scale, as provided for in agreement, unless their proposals referred to are adopted by your Government.

DANIEL O'CONNOR,

Postmaster-General.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

No. 13.

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

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 31st December, 1885.

In continuation of my letter of the 19th ultimo, I now transmit to you copy of a letter I have received from the Colonial Office, covering the reply of the India Office on the subject of the telegraph transit charge over the Indian Government line between Bombay and Madras.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

F. D. BELL.

Enclosure in No. 13.

GENTLEMEN,—

Colonial Office, Downing Street, 24th December, 1885.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th ultimo, advancing reasons for a reduction in the rates at present charged for telegraphic messages to Australasia by the Indian Government, on its lines between Bombay and