

No. 77.—“Share Telegrams between Stock Exchanges.”

We are of opinion that telegrams giving share quotations and passing between stock exchanges should not be accepted at press rates, but be charged as ordinary telegrams.

No. 79.—“*Re* word ‘care’ being inserted in Address of Message.”

We recommend that when an International telegram is addressed to the care of a person who has registered an abbreviated or code address, his name or registered address must be preceded by the word “care.” When such word is omitted the omission should involve a non-delivery, and the sender be obliged to correct the address by a paid service, as provided for in the International Regulations.

No. 80.—“Suggested abolition of additional charge on cipher words contained in Inland and Intercolonial telegrams.”

With reference to the extra rate now levied on cipher words, we recommend that no extra rate be charged on any English Dictionary word containing not more than 15 letters. The above is intended to apply to both Inland and Intercolonial telegrams.

No. 82.—“Intercolonial Telegraph Repeats.”

It is desirable that the practice of the Colonies should be uniform in dealing with the question of repeats, and it is recommended that the Resolution, No. 43, of the Brisbane Conference, March, 1893, be adhered to. The Resolution in question is as follows :—

The receiver of a message may have the whole or part of it repeated on payment of the cost of the telegram demanding the repetition, and of the reply to the same.

The sender can also have the whole or any portion of his message repeated on payment of the cost of the telegram he forwards and of the reply.

The demand for the repetition must be made within seventy-two hours after receipt or despatch of the telegram, and should be written in the following manner :—

“Sydney from Brisbane” (these words are not charged for).

“R.P. 4” (representing reply paid, four words).

“Twenty-sixth” (date of message to be repeated) ; “Brown” (receiver’s name) ;

“Repeat first, fourth, ninth” (meaning words of the text of the telegram to be repeated) ; or,

“Twenty-sixth” ; “Brown” (repeat word or words) ; “after . . . . .”

The reply will be worded as follows :—

“Brisbane to Sydney,” (these words are not charged for).

“Brown” . . . . . (words repeated.)

No. 83.—“Proposed omission of the word “to” from before addresses on telegrams.”

We are of opinion that it is unnecessary to signal the word “to” before the addresses on telegrams.

No. 84.—“Charges for certified copies of telegrams and search fees.”

We recommend that a certified copy of any Inland or Intercolonial message be supplied to the sender or addressee, or their authorised representative, upon proof of identity and full particulars being furnished, together with the payment of a fee of 1s. ; but where such particulars are not supplied the fee will be 2s. 6d.

No. 86.—“Consideration of Berne’s Circular Letter, August 3rd, 1897.”

This letter relates to contradictory articles in the Buda-Pesth Convention pointed out by Austria. No report is thought to be necessary, as the matter can be dealt with departmentally.

No. 89.—“Urgent Telegrams, distinctive coloured forms.”

This is a matter which can be dealt with departmentally.

No. 90.—Question of issuing vouchers with ‘Reply Paid’ telegrams in terms of paragraph 1, clause 51, of Buda-Pesth Telegraph Service Regulations.”

We advise that the voucher system be adopted, and that the New Zealand form be accepted as pattern.

No. 91.—“Typewriters for Telegrams.”

This matter can be dealt with departmentally.

No. 92.—“Code Vocabulary. Points submitted by Berne Telegraph Bureau for consideration.”

We suggest that this matter be referred to a Sub-Committee, to consist of Sir Charles Todd, Mr. P. B. Walker, and Mr. John Hesketh, to be settled by correspondence.