

No. 76.

The Hon. the PREMIER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 29th August, 1899.

REFERRING message 28th: Be glad receive Canadian Pacific Cable Act. New Zealand Government will endeavour pass similar legislation. So far four colonies unable agree upon three representatives for Board.

No. 77.

The Hon. the PREMIER, Melbourne, to the Hon. the PREMIER, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Melbourne, 30th August, 1899.

PACIFIC CABLE: This colony has no objection to the course you propose—viz., to appoint Agents-General of New South Wales, Victoria, and New Zealand.

No. 78.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the PREMIER.

Westminster Chambers, 13, Victoria Street, London, S.W.,

30th August, 1899.

SIR,—

Referring to my cablegram of the 28th instant relating to the Pacific cable and to your reply of the 29th instant, I beg herewith to transmit copy of letter which I have received from the Postmaster-General of Canada, enclosing copy of "The Pacific Cable Act, 1899" [not printed], which has been passed by the Dominion Legislature.

It will be seen that the Hon. Mr. Mulock asks for a copy of the Bill which may be introduced into the New Zealand Parliament.

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

W. P. REEVES.

Enclosure in No. 78.

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

MY DEAR MR. REEVES,—

Ottawa, 14th August, 1899.

I have to congratulate you and your associates from Australasia upon the success which has attended your efforts in the work of the Pacific cable, and, as the scheme appears now likely to go forward, I presume your Government will pass the necessary legislation in the near future. As soon as it does, would you have the kindness to send me a copy of the Bill?

I herewith enclose a copy of our Act upon this subject, assented to yesterday.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. P. Reeves.

W. MULOCK.

No. 79.

The Hon. the PREMIER, Wellington, to the Hons. the PREMIERS, Sydney and Brisbane.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 31st August, 1899.

PACIFIC cable: Suggest as solution of difficulty appointment Agents-General New South Wales, Victoria, and New Zealand to represent Australasia on provisional Board for first time. By united action later on we should get four representatives instead of three.

No. 80.

The Hon. the PREMIER, Brisbane, to the Hon. the PREMIER, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Brisbane, 31st August, 1899.

PACIFIC cable: Regret that your proposal does not commend itself to my approval.

No. 81.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the PREMIER.

(Telegram.)

London, 14th September, 1899.

How do you intend to act with regard to New Zealand delegate Pacific Cable Board.

No. 82.

The Hon. the PREMIER, Wellington, to the Hon. the PREMIER, Brisbane.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 15th September, 1899.

PACIFIC Cable Board: Press message published here to effect that when speaking at Wynnnum you said, as means solving difficulty, you approved New South Wales and Queensland conjointly