

No. 76.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 1st November, 1902.

THE following is an extract from the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 14th ultimo:—

"*Sydney Chamber of Commerce*.—Mr. Dugald Thomson, M.P., advised the Chamber that the Postmaster-General had stated that, in view of a probable increase in the number of telegraphic messages passing from Brisbane to the southern States, on completion of the Pacific cable, the present line had been transformed into an all-copper line, and that money had just been voted for another all-copper line, the erection of which would be begun at once."

No. 77.

The SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Doubtless Bay, 1st November, 1902.

MANY thanks for information. Glad to hear that second wire will be available between Southport and Sydney.

No. 78.

The SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Doubtless Bay, 2nd November, 1902.

FANNING—Vancouver section working admirably. I am instructed to accept free replies from Government to congratulatory messages.

No. 79.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 5th November, 1902.

WHEN was Vancouver—Fanning Island section actually joined up?

No. 80.

The SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Doubtless Bay, 5th November, 1902.

VANCOUVER—Fanning section final splice October 18th.

No. 81.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 10th November, 1902.

Is your Board to have an office in London for the receipt and delivery of cable messages?

No. 82.

The SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Doubtless Bay, 13th November, 1902.

GENERAL Manager replies: "Board will have no office in London for message business."

No. 83.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 20th November, 1902.

IN a speech by Mr. Judd at Southport on 3rd instant, on the occasion of the gathering to celebrate the completion of the Pacific cable, he stated that he had just been informed that experiments on the Fanning Island—Vancouver section proved that it was possible to attain a speed of 110 letters per minute for plain English messages and 103 letters for the most difficult code. He further added that this "speed would comfortably convey 150 messages per hour working the duplex system." I am indeed pleased to hear that such excellent results have been proved practicable. But is not the estimate of 150 messages per hour somewhat too sanguine?