

	1903-4.	1902-3.
	£	£
First instalment of the fifty years' annuity required to repay with interest the sum of £2,000,000 borrowed for construction ... ..	77,545	
Office of the Pacific Cable Board, salaries and expenses ...	4,400	
Cable-stations, salaries and expenses ... ..	26,300	
Repairing-ship, salaries and expenses ... ..	19,500	
Renewals and depreciation (including cable-repair and Reserve Fund) ... ..	35,500	
Miscellaneous ... ..	4,755	
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>168,000</b>	
<b>Deduct estimated earnings ... ..</b>	<b>73,000</b>	
		<b>95,000 120,000</b>

Such sum as may be actually required from the vote for the expenses of the cable will, to the extent of thirteen-eightieths thereof, be repaid by the Governments of Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

A sum of £85,000, representing the estimated receipts during 1903-4 for colonial contributions in respect of the expenses met out of the vote for 1902-3, is appropriated in aid of this vote (Sub-head H).

#### Enclosure 6 in No. 116.

##### ABSTRACT OF ESTIMATES FOR GRANT-IN-AID OF £120,000 FOR 1902-3.

Interest on borrowed money ... ..	£65,000
Head Office, salary and expenses ... ..	5,500
Stations, salary and expenses ... ..	26,000
Repairing-ship, expenses ... ..	11,000
Renewals (Cable Reserve) ... ..	12,500
	<b>£120,000</b>

#### No. 117.

The GENERAL MANAGER, Pacific Cable Board, London, to the SECRETARY, General Post-Office, Wellington.

Pacific Cable Board, Sanctuary House, Tothill Street, Westminster, London, S.W.,  
SIR,— 20th March, 1903.

An extra cottage for a married officer is found to be required at Doubtless Bay, and the Board has approved of an expenditure of from £450 to £500 for this purpose. Mr. Hertslet has been authorised to arrange details with the Works Department for this cottage to be built on the Board's land, and I shall be much obliged if you will communicate with the Works Department on the subject in order that the necessary authority may be given, and also by your informing me if the cost will be provided by the New Zealand Government in advance, as was the case with the other buildings erected for the Board and recovered in account, or if it would be convenient that a special payment should be made.

I am, &c.,

C. H. REYNOLDS,  
General Manager.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

#### No. 118.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTRIC LINES (at Auckland).

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 22nd May, 1903.

IN connection with the increasing Pacific cable traffic, Auckland has again raised the point of a quadruplex with Doubtless Bay. Failing this, that number three wire should be extended between Mangonui and Doubtless Bay, so that the Auckland office might have the command of two wires to Doubtless Bay. Perhaps you will look into this.

#### No. 119.

The SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTRIC LINES (at Auckland), to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 22nd May, 1903.

A QUADRUPLIX set for Doubtless Bay is already arranged for, but I think I will extend the number three as well shortly.

#### No. 120.

The Hon. the PRIME MINISTER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 29th May, 1903.

SIR,—

*Pacific Cable.*

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th February last, forwarding copies of papers received from the Secretary to the Pacific Cable Board in connection with the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Board for the financial year 1903-4.