Enclosure 3 in No. 239.

The GENERAL MANAGER, Pacific Cable Board, to the AGENT-GENERAL, London.

Pacific Cable Board, 24, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W., 7th August, 1902. SIR.

In accordance with the arrangements made at the sub-committee meeting of the Pacific Cable Board held this day, I write to ask you to be good enough to telegraph to the New Zealand Government thanking them on behalf of the Board for their courtesy in allowing the steamers of

the American and Australian line to call at Fanning Island on their northward journey.

2. Please also telegraph to the New Zealand Government asking them to provide on behalf of the Board a suitable small surf-boat, capable of landing a few passengers or not more than 4 tons of stores. This boat is intended for use at Fanning Island for the purpose of meeting the mailsteamer, and it should be sent to Fanning from Auckland by the first A. and A. steamer that calls at Fanning, probably the first steamer of September.

3. I append, for your information, a copy of the two telegrams sent this day to Mr. Storror in

connection with the calling of the A. and A. steamer at Fanning Island.

I am, &c.,

C. H. REYNOLDS,

The Agent-General for New Zealand.

General Manager.

Sub-enclosures to Enclosure 3 in No. 239.

The PACIFIC CABLE BOARD to STORROR, Postal Telegraph Company, San Francisco.

ACCEPT offer A. and A. line to call Fanning on condition named in Mr. Spreckels's letter to Cuthbert, 17th June. New Zealand Government consent.

Ask Mr. Spreckels whether A. and A. line could land passengers and stores Fanning at expense of Board for first few trips, till Board able to provide its own boat now ordering.

[For Enclosures 4 and 5 in No. 239 see Nos. 232 and 236.]

Enclosure 6 in No. 239.

The Secretary to the Agent-General to the General Manager, Pacific Cable Board. 13, Victoria Street, 16th August, 1902. SIR,-

Referring to your letter of the 7th instant, I am directed by the Agent-General to inform you that he has received a cablegram from his Government stating that a suitable boat has been procured, but that unless Messrs. Spreckels give instructions the outgoing steamer will not call at Fanning Island.

You will see, therefore, that if you wish to have the boat sent by that steamer it will be necessary to at once take steps to obtain Messrs. Spreckels's consent to its calling at Fanning I am, &c., Island.

Walter Kennaway.

C. H. Reynolds, Esq., General Manager, Pacific Cable Board.

[For Enclosures 7 and 8 in No. 239 see Nos. 237 and 238.]

Enclosure 9 in No. 239.

The Secretary to the Agent-General to the General Manager, Pacific Cable Board. 13, Victoria Street, 21st August, 1902.

Referring to my letter of the 16th instant, I am directed by the Agent-General to state that, in reply to his cablegram transmitting your Board's request that his Government shall give to Messrs. Spreckels formal permission to call at Fanning Island, he has been informed by cable I am, &c., Walter Kennaway. that such request has been complied with.

The General Manager, Pacific Cable Board.

No. 240.

The Hon. the ACTING-PREMIER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

Wellington, 25th August, 1902. (Telegram.) FANNING Island and my telegram twentieth: Now learn outgoing steamer will not touch at island. "Sierra," leaving Auckland nineteenth September, will be first vessel calling.