

No. 275.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 6th January, 1903.

GOVERNOR has now complained of omission of code time from his messages, stating that it is imperative he should know when his messages leave London. Agent-General has been again cabled, and I would be glad if you would emphasize to General Manager the urgent need for the insertion of code time.

No. 276.

The OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, Telegraph-office, Dunedin, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Dunedin, 9th January, 1903.

REUTER'S Agent and Union Steam Company complain of the absence of date from London cablegrams *via* Pacific. Perhaps you can get this rectified.

No. 277.

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

(Telegram.)

Doubtless Bay, 9th January, 1903.

Re code time: I would suggest hour and nearest five minutes instead of hour and date; the latter could be filled in by our terminal offices same as Eastern do.

No. 278.

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

(Telegram.)

Doubtless Bay, 9th January, 1903.

FOLLOWING from Pacific: "Do you consider that date and hour, omitting minute, on messages will sufficiently meet public requirements? If date and hour sufficient will endeavour negotiate. . . ."

No. 279.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 9th January, 1903.

YOUR telegram *re* code time is before the Minister. I think it will be necessary to include minutes as well as hours. Probably your suggestion to take hour and nearest five minutes would meet the case, but I do not think date should be omitted. Would it not be possible to devise a code for the 288 divisions of the twenty-four hours, or even to use a similar code to that for inland telegrams—thus, "A B" representing 1.5; "A C," 1.10, and so on? Let me know what Commonwealth Post Office says.

No. 280.

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

(Telegram.)

Doubtless Bay, 9th January, 1903.

IN reply, the following from Judd: "Am informed that between La Perouse and Nelson all messages are forwarded with actual time of handing in. Over other sections Extension the five-minute code-timing is in practice. . . ."

No. 281.

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

(Telegram.)

Doubtless Bay, 10th January, 1903.

COMMONWEALTH replies: "Think date and hour would suffice."

No. 282.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 10th January, 1903.

CODE time: I note Commonwealth's reply. I saw Mr. Harrison, Reuter's representative, yesterday. He indicated that inclusion of time of lodgment to nearest five minutes very important in many of his telegrams, as many of his code messages covered orders for produce to be determined within a given number of hours. . . .