No. 310.

Sydney, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, The DEPUTY POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

Postmaster-General's Department, General Post Office, Sydney,

16th May, 1903. Str.-With reference to your telegram of the 14th instant [not printed] on the subject, I have the honour to intimate that in this State the same forms are used for telegrams by both Eastern and Pacific routes, but are stamped "Viâ Eastern" or "Viâ Pacific," as the case may be. I have much pleasure in forwarding specimens of the forms referred to.

I have, &c., J. Dalgarno,

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

Deputy Postmaster-General.

No. 311.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington, to the Chairman, Pacific Cable Board, London.

General Post Office, Wellington, 29th May, 1903. I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th February last, on the subject of the code-book issued by the Eastern Telegraph Company for private and family transactions.

I note that it is considered desirable for the public of this colony to know that if they and their correspondents possess copies of the book the messages framed on the code can be sent by the Pacific or any other route. I have accordingly had the officers of my Department so advised, and also intimated the fact through the columns of the Press.

I have, &c., J. G. Ward, Postmaster-General.

The Chairman, Pacific Cable Board, 24, Queen Anne's Gate, London.

No. 312.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington, to the General Manager, Pacific Cable Board, London.

General Post Office, Wellington, 11th June, 1903. I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the first ultimo [not printed] confirming your telegram of the 9th April, advising that arrangements had been completed with the Atlantic cable companies whereby the original date and time of presentation to the nearest ten minutes would be indicated on cablegrams vià Pacific.

The public of New Zealand are quite satisfied with the arrangement.

I have, &c., W. Gray, Secretary.

The General Manager, Pacific Cable Board, Sanctuary House, Tothill Street, Westminster, London.