

## No. 29.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 27th June, 1904.

SIR SANDFORD FLEMING has consented to act representative New Zealand Pacific Cable Conference

## No. 30.

The Hon. the PRIME MINISTER to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

(Memorandum.)

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 27th June, 1904.

THE Prime Minister presents his compliments to the Governor, and, in reply to His Excellency's memorandum of the 23rd instant [not printed], has the honour to advise that Sir Sandford Fleming, K.C.M.G., formerly Engineer-in-Chief, Canadian Pacific Railway, will represent this Government at the Pacific Cable Conference, which is to be held presently in London. Sir Sandford has been informed that the Conference will probably meet about the middle of next month.

His Excellency the Governor.

R. J. SEDDON.

## No. 31.

The Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, Trades and Labour Council, Wellington.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 28th June, 1904.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, in which, on behalf of your Council, you request me to receive a deputation in reference to the employment of Chinese on the cable-steamer "Iris."

In reply, I have to say I am fully in accord with the sentiments which have been expressed against the employment of Chinese on the cable-steamer, and I will be pleased to receive a deputation from your Council to-morrow, Wednesday, at 3.30 p.m.

Yours, &amp;c.,

J. G. WARD.

A. H. Cooper, Esq., Secretary, Trades and Labour Council, Wellington.

## No. 32.

The Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, Australasian Federated Seamen's Union, Auckland.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 30th June, 1904.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, enclosing copy of a memorandum from the Secretary to the Federal Post Office, addressed to the Secretary to the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth, in respect to the stokehold of the Pacific Cable Board's steamer "Iris" being manned by Chinese stokers.

In reply, I have to say that I am in sympathy with the desire of your union to replace the Chinese stokers by Europeans, and our representative on the Pacific Cable Board will be requested to support any action which may be taken by the Federal Government in the direction of having white, in the place of Chinese, labour employed in the stokehold of the "Iris."

I have, &amp;c.,

J. G. WARD, Postmaster-General.

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## No. 33.

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

(Telegram.)

London, 30th June, 1904.

PACIFIC Cable Conference: Date not fixed yet. Colonial Office cannot get definite answer from Australia. Secondly, I have been daily in communication with Colonial Office and Cable Board on this matter, and if you like to leave it in my hands, I will undertake to communicate with Sir Sandford Fleming.

## No. 34.

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

(Telegram.)

London, 1st July, 1904.

AUSTRALIAN Government appoints Jersey delegate Cable Conference by arrangement with Colonial Office. Am wiring Sandford Fleming asking when he can arrive London. Will inform him date of Conference directly fixed.

## No. 35.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 2nd July, 1904.

PACIFIC Cable Conference: Have wired Sandford Fleming that you will give him timely notice of date of meeting. This matter left to you,