

## No. 63.

The HIGH COMMISSIONER to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

London, 25th October, 1905.

MARCONI's representative will arrive Melbourne 20th November. Anxious to meet you or your representative with Deakin and Austen Chapman, Postmaster-General, for purpose of submitting important offers; principal is to make powerful wireless stations New Zealand Australia, and will guarantee perfect communication, all this subject to terms of contract.

[Tel. 05/567.]

## No. 64.

Mr. J. W. HAMILTON, Melbourne, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

SIR,—

100 Queen Street, Melbourne, 17th November, 1905.

I have the honour to inform you that since my return to Melbourne I have had several interviews with Mr. Chapman and Mr. Scott, Secretary to the Federal Postal Department. Mr. Chapman thinks that there should be no difficulty in the way of making arrangements for the proposed coupling-up New Zealand with Australia if it can be done for the sum named in my proposition to you, and he states that he is willing to co-operate with you in the carrying-out of the same; but adds that nothing further can be done towards considering any proposition until some definite understanding is arrived at between the Federal Government and the Government of New Zealand. I told Mr. Chapman that you had promised to write to him in this connection, and he informs me that he is awaiting your communication.

*In re New Zealand—Cook Islands connection:* I have pleasure in advising that I have recently had an interview with Mr. James Mills, of the Union Steam Ship Company, and that he suggested that I should submit a proposal to you for coupling-up Cook and Kermadec Islands with the North Island of New Zealand. He says that this would be a great convenience both to the residents and to shipping, and states that his company would be prepared to co-operate with your Government for carrying out this work. We are in a position to make this connection promptly by means of the Shoemaker wireless system, and I would be pleased to submit you a definite proposal for same should you wish it.

I have, &c.,

J. W. HAMILTON.

Hon. Sir Joseph Ward, K.C.M.G., Postmaster-General, Wellington, New Zealand.

[Tel. 06/76.]

## No. 65.

MESSRS. W. M. BANNATYNE AND CO., Wellington, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

Wellington, N.Z., 23rd November, 1905.

SIR,—

*Re Wireless Telegraphy.*

We have the honour to enclose letter [not printed] from Mr. J. W. Hamilton, Australian and New Zealand representative of the International Telegraph Construction Company, on the subject of the connection of Cook Islands and New Zealand. We trust you will be able to take this matter up on your return to Wellington.

We also append letter, asking that Mr. Hamilton's principals—Messrs. Dutilh-Smith MacMillan and Co. and the International Telegraph Construction Company—be placed on the list of tenderers at the High Commissioner's Office in London.

Trusting you may be able to accede to this gentleman's request,

We have, &c.,

Sir J. G. Ward, Wellington.

W. M. BANNATYNE AND CO. (LIMITED).

## No. 66.

THE AUSTRALIAN METAL COMPANY, Melbourne, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

Australia Metal Company (Limited),

DEAR SIR,—

113 William Street, Melbourne, 1st December, 1905.

The following extract from an American daily paper may be of interest to you:—

*"New Wireless Record made.—Government's Newport Station receives Eighteen Words a Minute.*

*"Newport, R.I., Oct. 6.*

*"What is said to be a new record in receiving wireless telegraph messages has been made by the Government plant at the torpedo station here, and was announced to-day. Eighteen words a minute were received clearly and accurately from Cape Henry, 350 miles; Washington, 325 miles; Philadelphia, 250 miles; Portsmouth, N.H., 150 miles; and several other points where the Government has stations. A German system was used."*

The German system referred to was our "System Telefunken." We are forwarding you under separate cover a pamphlet describing some of the distinctive features of the Telefunken system.

Yours, &c.,

AUSTRALIAN METAL COMPANY (LIMITED).

Sir Joseph Ward, Postmaster-General, Wellington, New Zealand.

[Tel. 06/71(1).]