

## No. 67.

Messrs. W. M. BANNATYNE AND Co., Wellington, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Wellington, 12th January, 1906.

We have the honour to inform you that we have recently received a letter from Mr. J. W. Hamilton, Australian representative of Messrs. Dutilh-Smith MacMillan and Co., who addressed you a few weeks since, to the effect that he has not yet received a reply to the request he submitted to you, that the name of his firm might be placed on the list of tenderers.

May we respectfully ask you to favour us with a reply in this connection at your convenience?

We have, &c.,

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

The Hon. Sir Joseph Ward, K.C.M.G., Wellington.

[Tel. 05/76.]

## No. 68.

The Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Commonwealth of Australia, Melbourne.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 15th January, 1906.

NEW Zealand is willing to join the Commonwealth in establishing wireless telegraphy with Australia. For the purpose of drawing up for submission to you the necessary specifications for this work, I would like to have your assurance that the Commonwealth Government is willing to join in the establishment of a wireless system. I understand your view is that you should have one high-power station on the south coast of Australia and a low-power station on the northern coast of Tasmania. For the purpose of uniformity and of equalising our respective positions, New Zealand would also stipulate for one high-power station on the south-west coast of New Zealand and for one low-power station at the Auckland Islands. The Auckland Islands station would be of equal importance to the shipping of Australia as to New Zealand; but to enable the terms of a proposed contract to be defined, it seems to me that it is better for the Commonwealth and New Zealand each to stipulate for one high-power and one low-power station. If you concur in joining, with a view to tenders being publicly invited, kindly cable, and I shall write you on the matter.

[Tel 05/567.]

## No. 69.

The Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington, to Messrs. W. M. BANNATYNE AND Co., Wellington.

GENTLEMEN,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 16th January, 1906.

I am in receipt of your letter [No. 67] *re* wireless telegraphy. You may depend that nothing will be done in this matter excepting by public competition, and your clients will therefore have an opportunity of quoting for same.

Yours, &c.,

Messrs. W. M. Bannatyne and Co., Ltd., Wellington.

J. G. WARD.

Tel. 06/76.]

## No. 70.

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

Australian Metal Company (Limited),

DEAR SIR,—

113 William Street, Melbourne, 18th January, 1906.

We beg to enclose herewith a communication relative to wireless telegraphy in Mexico, which may interest you.

At the same time we may mention that the Wireless Telegraph Company of Berlin have cabled to us that an engineer will come out on board the s.s. "Bremen" about middle of March and will conduct some trials on the Telefunken system.

Yours, &c.,

AUSTRALIAN METAL COMPANY (LIMITED).

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

[Tel. 06/73.]

## Enclosure in No. 70.

*Wireless Telegraph Stations in Mexico.*

THE notice which has appeared in various newspapers that the Mexican Government has adopted the Marconi system is perhaps based on the fact that representatives of Mr. Marconi have been to Mexico, and have submitted to the Government a proposal for the erection of several stations on their system.

The Mexican Government has, however, decided in favour of the system Telefunken, and has placed with the Wireless Telegraph Company of Berlin an order to instal stations for the establishment of a wireless connection between Hazatlan (Simaloa) and San José del Cabo, the distance between these two points being about 325 kilometers.

At the request of the Government, the stations in question are arranged for different wavelengths, as they are designed not only for inter-communication with each other, but also with moving ships.

Wireless telegraph stations were installed on the Telefunken system in Rosalia and Guaymas already in the year 1902, and since that time the Mexican Government has practically tested this system, and has, furthermore, trained a staff of operators, in consequence of which the erection of a large number of stations on this system can confidently be expected.

[Tel. 06/76(3).]