

No. 47.

The HIGH COMMISSIONER to the Hon. the ACTING PRIME MINISTER.

(Telegram.)

London, 7th August, 1909.

YOUR telegram of 22nd July: Have formally confirmed reduction New Zealand terminal rate. Official notification issued by Berne 1st August

[P.C. Press, 09/59.]

No. 48.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the DIRECTOR, International Bureau of the Telegraph Union, Berne.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 20th August, 1909.

In reference to your telegram of the 21st ultimo, respecting the announcement of the Pacific Cable Board of the reduction in the rates for Press telegrams exchanged between Great Britain and Australia, I have the honour to confirm the notification given by the High Commissioner for New Zealand in London of the reduction of the New Zealand terminal charge for international Press cable messages from 1d. to ½d. per word from the 1st instant. The reduction applies to messages by the cables of the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company (Limited), and of the Pacific Cable Board.

I have, &c.,

D. ROBERTSON, Secretary.

The Director, International Bureau of the Telegraph Union, Berne.

[P.C. Press, 09/66.]

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 49.

The DIRECTOR, International Bureau of the Telegraph Union, Berne, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

SIR,—

International Bureau of the Telegraph Union, Berne, 1st July, 1908.

I have the honour to forward you the following information of interest to the telegraphic administrations of the Union, which has been brought under the notice of the International Bureau since the last notification.

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International Bureau.

In accordance with a decision of the Lisbon Conference, the International Bureau will for the future bear the title "International Bureau of the Telegraph Union."

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I have, &c.,

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

E. FREY, Director.

[Tel. 08/390(7).]

No. 50.

The MANAGER IN THE PACIFIC, Pacific Cable Board, Sydney, to the ACTING-SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

SIR,—

The Pacific Cable Board, Devon Chambers, 40 Hunter Street, Sydney,
4th February, 1909.

I have much pleasure in forwarding for your information, as promised, a copy of the memorandum of discussion held with the representative of the London General Post Office regarding the application of Article VIII, paragraph 4, of the London (1903) Regulations.

This, I think, will have some bearing on the question as to the acceptance of such words as "gartona," "boats," "coats," &c.

I have, &c.,

J. MILWARD,

The Acting-Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

Manager in the Pacific.

[Tel. 08/3642.]

Enclosure in No. 50.

MEMORANDUM of Discussion at a Meeting between the REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, LONDON, and the EASTERN AND ASSOCIATED TELEGRAPH COMPANIES, on Thursday, 10th November, 1904.

THE question of the application of Article VIII, paragraph 4, of the London (1903) Regulations was discussed, and it was mutually agreed that plain-language messages divided into pronounceable groups of ten letters or less could not be accepted under this rule.