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*Renewing Regulations under "The Electric Lines Act,  
1884."*

PLUNKET, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this eighth day  
of July, 1905.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by Order in Council dated the eighth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and four, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the tenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and four, regulations were made under the authority of "The Electric Lines Act, 1884" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), for the purposes of the transmission of telegrams by means of electric lines, and for their delivery, and for the disposal of all unclaimed or undelivered telegrams, and for fixing and determining the fees and rates to be demanded and received for the transmission of any telegram or otherwise, and also with respect to telephones; and whereas by Order in Council dated the tenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and five, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the twentieth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and five, such regulations were in part altered in the manner therein set forth: And whereas it is expedient to revoke all such regulations, fees, and rates and to make and fix others in lieu thereof for the same purposes:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred upon him by the said Act, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby revoke the regulations, fees, and rates specified in the above-recited Orders in Council, and in lieu thereof doth make the regulations and fix the fees and rates set forth in the Schedule hereto for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned: And doth hereby order that such regulations and such fees and rates shall have effect on and from the date of the publication of this Order in Council in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

## SCHEDULE.

## ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

REGULATIONS UNDER WHICH TELEGRAMS ARE AUTHORISED TO BE TRANSMITTED ON THE TELEGRAPH LINES BELONGING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND.

## Non-liability for Errors, &amp;c.

1. Neither His Majesty the King nor the Government of New Zealand shall be responsible for errors, omissions, or delays in the transmission of any telegram, or for the non-delivery or non-transmission of any telegram. Every person sending a telegram to which a reply is expected should make sure that an address at which delivery of the reply may be effected is in the possession of the Department.

## Charges.

2. The charges for transmission of a telegram within New Zealand are,—

For twelve words or less, including address and signature—

Urgent	...	...	...	...	One shilling.
Ordinary	...	...	...	...	Sixpence.

Extra words, 2d. and 1d. each respectively.

On Sundays, on telegrams lodged at or addressed to offices which are open from 5 to 5.30 p.m. only, these rates are doubled.

3. When more than one telegram, apparently part of a message previously lodged, is presented by the same sender during any one day, such telegrams may be treated as one continuous telegram, and charged for accordingly, unless it be shown to the satisfaction of the Officer in Charge that they have no connection with each other.

4. Postage-stamps must be used for payment, and any person sending a telegram is required to affix such stamps to the message forms.

## Receipts for Charges.

5. Receipts for the amounts paid for international and intercolonial telegrams may be obtained by the sender free of charge at the telegraph-office at the time of presenting such telegrams for transmission. A receipt for the amount paid for an inland telegram will be given at the time of presenting such telegram for transmission on payment of a fee of two pence.

## How and upon what to be written.

6. Inland telegrams presented for transmission shall be written either in ink, or with pencil, or in manifold, in a clear and legible manner; cable telegrams shall be written in ink or in manifold. All telegrams shall contain a proper address, and bear a genuine signature in the usual handwriting of the sender, or in that of his authorised agent, but when written by the agent the latter shall add his name or initials, not for transmission, but for the information of the Post and Telegraph Department. The address of a telegram to a passenger by train should include the word "northward" or "southward" as the case may be, as an aid to prompt delivery.

7. In order to prevent errors in the transmission of telegrams, all words must be written in full, and no abbreviations will be allowed that are not in general use and in accordance with the usage of the language. All numbers should be written in words in full, and not in figures.

8. Printed forms upon which telegrams should be written may be obtained at all telegraph-offices on application; but all telegrams, whether written upon the prescribed form, upon any other printed form, or upon plain paper, shall (subject to the provision hereinafter stated) be considered as presented for transmission under the several conditions contained in these regulations: Provided that telegrams written upon printed forms other than those supplied by the Government shall be first approved of by the Electric Telegraph Commissioner, or the same may be refused when presented for transmission. Books of telegram forms, interleaved with white forms for use with carbonic paper, may be purchased at the principal telegraph-offices at the cost price of 1s. each. One hundred forms, in duplicate, are contained in each book.

## How to be signed.

9. When it is not intended or desired that the sender's signature should be telegraphed, it must be written on the back of the message. The message may then be transmitted without a signature, or with any signature known to the receiver, such as "Kate," "Harry," "Mamma," which the sender may insert for transmission; but the receiver may have the full signature telegraphed by paying for the necessary telegrams.

## Special Instructions.

10. When the sender desires that special instructions, such as "Private," "Confidential," "To be opened at once," "Per Te Anau," "Post," "By first steamer," or the like, shall be written on the envelope of the message, he shall write those instructions immediately after the address of the receiver, and pay for them as part of the message. The words shall also be written in the space for instructions.

### Cipher Telegrams.

11. Telegrams may be written in cipher, which will be counted according to the following scale, whether for figures or letters: Separate ciphers count as one word; groups of five ciphers, or a fractional part of five ciphers, count as one word; groups exceeding five ciphers are counted at the rate of five ciphers to the word, and any fractional portion remaining is to be counted as one word.

12. The use of a code address is prohibited on telegrams for transmission within the New Zealand.

### Telegrams may be dropped into a Letter-box.

13. Persons not wishing to send to a telegraph-office may post a telegram in an envelope addressed "Telegrams Immediate," in a wall- or pillar-box, or at a receiving office or sub-post-office. Telegrams so posted are sent on by the next collection or the next mail to the telegraph-office to which they are addressed, or to the nearest telegraph-office, and are thence transmitted and delivered free of extra charge, provided the proper amounts for transmission and for portorage (if any) have been prepaid. The time of arrival at the telegraph-office is regarded as the time of receipt from the public. Telegrams may also be posted not enclosed in envelopes, and when so posted they will be treated in the same manner.

14. Telegraph forms, and envelopes having the words (printed in red) "Telegram for transmission to the Officer in Charge Telegraph-station, \_\_\_\_\_," can be procured at post-offices in towns where there is no telegraph-station.

### Order of Priority of Transmission.

15. All telegrams are required to be sent forward so as to reach the office of destination in New Zealand on the day of despatch. In any case where this does not happen, the dates of despatch and receipt are plainly stated. Telegrams will be transmitted, according to time of presentation, in the following order of priority:—

- (1.) Telegrams from members of the Executive.
- (2.) Service telegrams marked *urgent*.
- (3.) Urgent private telegrams and urgent money-order telegrams.
- (4.) Government telegrams marked *urgent*.
- (5.) Cable telegrams.
- (6.) Non-urgent (ordinary) private telegrams.

### Replies may be prepaid.

16. The cost of a reply may be prepaid, and a reply form will then be delivered to the addressee, who will be at liberty to send another telegram of the value prepaid, from any telegraph-office, at any time within six weeks. If the form be not used its value will be refunded on application being made within six weeks to the Accountant, General Post Office, and on the production of the form. A reply form need not necessarily be used for a reply, but may be used to prepay any single inland message.

### Collect Telegrams—Sender responsible for Transmission Charges.

17. Telegrams may be accepted from the sender with the word "Collect" written thereon in the space for instructions, and in such case the value of the telegram will be collected from the receiver; but, in the event of the department being unable to collect the amount, the sender will be held responsible for the due payment thereof, and in such case, if the sender fails to pay the charges upon being requested to do so, the Officer in Charge of the telegraph-office at which the telegram was delivered for despatch may in his own name, in any Court of competent jurisdiction, sue for and recover from the sender of such telegram all charges due for the transmission thereof.

18. The sender of a "collect" telegram shall, if requested to do so, lodge the cost of it. Any difference between the sum required and that lodged will be settled, or any refund will be made, upon delivery of the telegram. The sender of a "collect" telegram is at liberty to direct that delivery shall be conditional on the addressee first paying the charges. In such cases the words "Delivery conditional" must be inserted in the instructions and paid for.

### Repetition at Request of Sender to Insure Accuracy.

19. Telegrams may be repeated, if the sender desires it, by being signalled back from office to office. No copy is, in such case, given to the sender. The charge for repetition is one-half the ordinary tariff; a fraction of a penny being reckoned as a penny. Telegrams containing mercantile quotations or figures, and telegrams written in cipher, or according to a preconcerted code, should always be repeated.

### Repetition at Request of Addressee to Detect Errors.

20. If the receiver of a telegram doubts its accuracy, he may have it repeated by paying half the amount paid for its transmission to him, fractions of a penny being reckoned as a penny. Should he require only a portion of the message to be repeated, a payment must be made at the rate of  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. for each word embraced in the repetition. For example, if 15 words in a message of 30 words are to be repeated the payment would be eightpence. The minimum charge, however, for repetition (even of a single word) is threepence. The money will be refunded if it should happen that the telegram has been incorrectly transmitted. The request for repetition must be in writing, and may be abbreviated to underlining the necessary words and adding the request—as, for example, "Please repeat"—on the delivered copy.

### Inland Multiple Telegrams.

21. Prepaid telegrams addressed on one form to more than one person in the same place or in different places, or to one person at different residences in the same place (multiple telegrams), may be accepted for transmission within the colony. If multiple telegrams be addressed to different places, or be written on separate forms, both or all will be treated as distinct messages, and charged full rates. In multiple telegrams for the same place, each address must be complete in itself; consequently the office of destination will appear as many times as there are names of addressees. The text, and *all the addresses*, and the signature will be counted and charged for as a single message, with an additional fee of

3d. per address for each copy excepting the first, *provided always that the charge shall not exceed that for the same number of single messages.* "Urgent" telegrams may be accepted at double the above tariff. The number of addresses will be indicated to the office of address by the insertion of "Multiple [No. of addresses]" in the "Instructions"; but this information will be omitted from the messages actually delivered, which will show *one address only* unless the sender has inserted and paid for the instruction "Communicate all addresses." Multiple telegrams cannot be sent "collect."

#### Free Delivery.

22. Except as notified in the printed list of telegraph-offices published from time to time in the Post and Telegraph Guide, all telegrams will be delivered free of charge within a distance of one mile by the nearest practicable road of the office to which they may be transmitted by wire. All telegrams bear on the envelope a note of the time at which they are sent out for delivery.

	s.	d.
For any distance not exceeding half a mile beyond the free delivery	0	6
For any distance over half a mile but not exceeding one mile beyond the free delivery	...	1 0
For any distance over one mile but not exceeding two miles beyond the free delivery	...	1 6

The foregoing charges only provide for ordinary delivery from offices where the service can be performed by a departmental messenger. For telegrams to be delivered by special messenger, the cost of such delivery shall be added and paid for. If required to be delivered beyond the distance of three miles, all moneys disbursed in payment of cab-fares, omnibus-fares, horse-hire, portorage, or any other expenses incurred in delivery, shall be charged and paid. All telegrams shall bear any expenses incurred to defray ferriage and tolls. To prevent the non-delivery or detention of telegrams when a telegram is presented for a place known to be beyond the free delivery, the cost of carriage from the office of delivery should be prepaid. If the carriage is insufficiently prepaid, the balance will be collected from the addressee. When the sender gives a guarantee that carriage will be paid by the addressee, the words "Carriage guaranteed" should be written on the back of the forwarded telegram and signed by the sender, whose address also should be given. In the event of the addressee refusing to pay, the amount due will be recovered from the sender. If the sender declines to pay the carriage, or to give the guarantee, the telegram will be delivered by post. When a telegram is received requiring delivery by special messenger, and upon which no carriage has been prepaid, the sender will be asked for his instructions, and, if no reply be received before the despatch of the next mail or the next letter-carrier's delivery the telegram will be posted. Free telegrams on behalf of sender or addressee about the amount of payment required for carriage and so forth, will not be sent.

#### Sender responsible for Delivery Charges.

23. The sender of a telegram shall be responsible for the payment of all charges incurred in the delivery, and, if the sender fails to pay the charges upon being requested to do so, the Officer in Charge of the telegraph-office at which the telegram was delivered for despatch may, in his own name, in any Court of competent jurisdiction, sue for and recover from the sender thereof the charges due on such telegram.

#### Redirected Telegrams.

24. Telegrams redirected to a corrected address are liable to an additional charge of 6d. if delivery can be effected from the original receiving office, but if the corrected address requires that the message be re-telegraphed from the receiving office, a charge will be made equal to the original amount paid.

25. The sender may direct that a telegram be readdressed, paying an extra fee for the new address. Telegrams readdressed for transmission by post are charged a single rate of postage only.

#### Fee for Search.

26. The originals of inland telegrams and cable messages are kept for six months and three years respectively.

27. The sender or the addressee of an inland telegram or cable message, or his duly authorised agent, may inspect such telegram or cable message at the office of transmission or of destination without charge, or be supplied with a certified copy of it, unless it be a Press telegram, on payment (in advance) of a fee of 6d. for each inland telegram, and 5d. for every hundred words, or fraction thereof, of a cable message, provided the telegram or cable message has not already been sent to the General Post Office. If it has been so sent, the sender, or the addressee, or the duly authorised agent of either, may only inspect such telegram or cable message, or obtain a certified copy thereof, on payment in advance of a fee of 1s. if the necessary particulars enabling the telegram or cable message to be found without any delay are supplied, or 2s. 6d. if such particulars are not furnished. Satisfactory proof of identity of the applicant as the sender, addressee, or agent must in all cases be given. If desired, the copy of the telegram or cable message, or an extract, will be telegraphed, upon payment by the applicant of the telegraph fee in addition to the before-mentioned charge. No copy of a Press telegram will be given.

#### Accidents to Lines.

28. When communication is partially or completely interrupted, telegrams will be accepted from the public, but the department will not accept any responsibility for delay in transmission. The telegrams will be transmitted to the furthest practicable point, and, after communication is restored, sent thence to destination, according to code, in the order of time of presentation. Such delayed telegrams are marked "Delayed by Interruption of Lines."

#### Cancelling Telegrams.

29. Any telegram may be cancelled by the sender before transmission, and the cost of such cancelled telegram will be refunded on application being made, in writing, to the Officer in Charge of the office at which such telegram was presented. If the telegram has been signalled, or partly signalled, it can still be cancelled, but no refund of its value can be made. If the signalling has been completed, the telegram can only be cancelled by means of a further prepaid telegram. Provided that no telegram shall be cancelled if the office of presentation is a racecourse telegraph-office.

**Monopoly of Line forbidden.**

30. The transmission of telegrams presented in quantity, or of telegrams of great length, may be delayed when their transmission would give an undue monopoly of the line to the sender or addressee.

**Prohibitions.**

31. Telegrams which are indecently or obscenely worded, or which appear to contain matter of a treasonable, seditious, libellous, or grossly offensive character, will not be transmitted.

**Urgent Telegrams.**

32. Telegrams marked *Urgent* are received at any telegraph-office and transmitted in the order of their priority with other messages of the like code. Urgent telegrams take precedence of all ordinary messages.

33. The fee for an urgent telegram is double of that for an ordinary telegram. Urgent telegrams lodged on Sunday at offices open from 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. only are charged four rates.

34. When the sender of an urgent telegram desires to pay for an urgent reply, the words "*Urgent, reply paid urgent*" must be inserted in the instructions. When the reply required is not to be urgent the instruction should be "*Urgent, reply paid.*"

**Charges for Messages relating to Sickness or Death.**

35. Telegrams relating to sickness or death or other urgent matters (but expressly excluding wagers or bets) may be accepted and transmitted from any to any telegraph-office at any time outside the ordinary hours of business on week-days or Sundays (provided the attention of the terminal office can be obtained), on payment of the following rates and fees:—

For the first twelve words or less, including address and signature, 1s. and 2d. for each additional word after twelve. Such telegrams must be inscribed with the words "Extra fee" in the instructions.

For calling upon a postmaster or operator in charge to transmit a message after 8 o'clock p.m., and when the office is closed, 2s. 6d., to be paid even if the telegram fails to reach its destination, but in the latter case the tariff rates collected will be refunded.

In addition to the foregoing charges a further fee of 2s. must be paid for delivery within a mile from the office.

36. Charges for ferries, tolls, or for any extra cost incurred for delivery beyond the ordinary limits must also be paid by the sender at the time of presenting the telegram. The sender shall also be liable for short charges, should it be subsequently found that the amount collected for carriage was insufficient.

37. Telegrams relating to wagers or bets may not be sent under these rules.

**Weather Telegrams for Shipping.**

38. Masters of vessels are permitted to forward messages at one uniform rate of sixpence for each message (including reply) to the Harbourmasters of the several ports seeking information as to the state of the weather, &c., at the port to which they are bound, or from any port which may lie in their route. These telegrams must be concise, and should be filled in in accordance with the directions to be seen at telegraph-offices. In no case will a larger number of words in the body of the telegram than twelve be allowed.

**Transmission of Telegrams by Telephone.**

39. (1.) Subscribers to telephone exchanges may, by prearrangement in writing with the telegraph-office, have telegraphic messages which are addressed to them forwarded by telephone from the office of destination to their business or private address. Such messages will, after transmission, be posted for delivery to such address, and be marked on the front "Transmitted by telephone."

(2.) If desired, short Press messages up to fifty words may be telephoned to newspapers, the proprietors of which are subscribers to a telephone exchange, and who agree to pay the fee for so doing. After being telephoned such messages will be delivered by messenger, when their values (if "collect"), together with the fee for telephoning, will be collected.

(3.) This system may be availed of during the ordinary hours for attendance of officers at the telegraph-office, except in the case of offices where officers are on duty until 10 p.m., when the telegrams may be telephoned up to that hour.

(4.) The charges for transmitting telegrams as above shall be as follows:—

A fee of £5 5s. per annum, paid in advance; or, in other cases, for each separate transmission, provided the telephone conversation does not exceed three minutes	...	...	...	...	0	6
For each additional three minutes or fraction thereof	...	...	...	...	0	6

When the fee is paid by time, one conversation may include two or more messages, including any referred to in the next succeeding section. The fee is to be affixed in stamps to a docket which will be provided, and presented to the telegraph-office immediately after the message has been telephoned.

(5.) Telephone-exchange subscribers who have signed the usual form of application may also telephone to any telegraph-office connected with a telephone exchange, during the ordinary hours of telegraph attendance, if the exchange is open, any messages, not exceeding fifty words in length, to be further transmitted from the telegraph-office to the respective destinations of such messages as telegrams, provided the usual cost of such telegrams is paid in addition to the above rates.

(6.) Prior to telephoning any such message the sender shall have reduced such message to writing, and, immediately after transmission, if telephoned before 5 p.m., deliver the written message to the telegraph-office, with the charges affixed in stamps. Messages telephoned after 5 p.m. and before 8 p.m. must be handed in to the telegraph-office not later than 10 o'clock the following morning. To prevent duplication the word "Transmitted" should be written in a conspicuous place on the form after the message has been telephoned.

(7.) The department reserves the right to exclude any person from the privilege of sending or receiving telegrams by telephone under this system until any arrears of fees which may be due are fully paid, and to demand a deposit before registering any application.

(8.) The transcribed copies of messages telephoned by subscribers will, so far as the department is concerned, become the original telegrams, and the department will not assume or be subject to any liability by reason or on account of any failure, delay, or mistake in or about the transmission, receipt, or delivery of any telegram under this system, from whatever cause the same may arise.

(9.) On payment of a fee of 6d. and the charge for the transmitting—at the prescribed rates for urgent or ordinary telegrams, as the case may be—of such words as may be required to convey the direction hereafter mentioned, the sender of a telegram may insert in the place for instructions thereon the direction "To be telephoned," and thereupon such telegram, upon arrival at the telegraph-office of destination, shall be forthwith telephoned through the telephone exchange to the addressee, if such addressee be a subscriber to such exchange; and in other respects the provisions made for the transmission of telegrams to addressees through telephone exchanges at their own request shall, as far as applicable, apply to such telegram.

### SPECIAL MESSENGER SERVICE.

1. There are special-messenger services at the following offices:—

Ashburton,	Gisborne,	Masterton,	Port Chalmers,
Auckland,	Gore,	Napier,	Thames,
Blenheim,	Greymouth,	Nelson,	Timaru,
Bluff,	Hawera,	New Plymouth,	Wanganui,
Christchurch,	Hokitika,	Oamaru,	Wellington,
Dunedin,	Invercargill,	Onehunga,	Westport,
Feilding,	Lyttelton,	Palmerston North,	Whangarei.

2. An express delivery is made by telegraph message boy. (For definitions see "Express Delivery Services," Post and Telegraph Guide.) The sender may, however, direct that delivery be made at the post-office, in which case the words "To be called for" must be written underneath the words "Express delivery."

3. A receipt must be given by the recipient for each specially delivered article.

4. "Expressed" letters, properly stamped for delivery from the post-office, also telegrams fully stamped for transmission, may be handed to any telegraph messenger for delivery at the office. In no case, however, will the messenger wait while the letter or telegram is being written.

5. A special messenger will be placed at the disposal of any telephone-exchange subscriber on request being made to the exchange. Such messenger may be utilised for running an errand, ordering a cab, delivering a small parcel or letter, or any similar service. The fee to be paid will be the same as for express delivery; but beyond three miles and up to five miles, cab-hire, or return tram-fare, must be paid, in addition to the mileage fee. The whole of the messenger's journey will be counted as from the post-office. For example, if the telephone-exchange subscriber lives half a mile from the office and the messenger has to deliver an article a mile beyond the subscriber's residence, the charge will be as for two miles. In the event of a boy being required to deliver a number of parcels or letters to different addresses, or to return with a reply, the charge will be at the rate of 1s. for the first hour and 6d. for each succeeding half-hour or portion thereof. Payment of these fees may, at the option of subscribers, be made either at the time of the service being performed or included in the account rendered for rental of a telephone connection at the end of three or six months, as the case may be. Receipts for payments made at any time will be given free of charge.

6. The special-messenger service will be available throughout the day up to 9 p.m., or to the time of closing if the office closes before that time, except on Saturdays, when the service is available up to 9 p.m. at all telegraph-offices where it is established. The service must be commenced but need not necessarily be completed by the closing-time.

## TARIFF RATES

### IN NEW ZEALAND.

#### Ordinary Telegrams.

From any Station to any Station:—

For the first 12 words or less, including address and signature... **Sixpence.**

For every additional word ... .. **One penny.**

On Sundays, between offices which open both morning and evening, the above rates;

at other offices, double the above rates.

[For telegraph fees for repayment of Post-Office Savings-Bank deposits by telegraph see **Repayment of Deposits**, Post and Telegraph Guide.]

#### Urgent Telegrams.

For the first 12 words or less, including address and signature .. **One shilling.**

For every additional word ... .. **Twopence.**

On Sundays, between offices which open both morning and evening, the above rates;

at other offices, double the above rates.

#### STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

New Year's Day, Easter Monday, the birthdays of the King and the Prince of Wales, and Boxing Day, or any days substituted therefor. Good Friday and Christmas Day are observed as Sundays so far as regards hours of attendance; but week-day tariff rates only are chargeable on ordinary and urgent telegrams unless Christmas Day should also be a Sunday, when Sunday rates are charged for that day.

Ordinary and urgent telegrams at the same rates as for week-days.

[See charges for **Telegrams relating to sickness and death**, elsewhere.]

Press Telegrams.

PRESS TELEGRAMS may contain only information of general public interest and the whole text must be intended for publication as news in the newspapers to which the telegrams are addressed. Advertisements, letters intended for publication in the open or other columns of newspapers, or telegrams that are mere "puffs" of theatrical or travelling business companies, and not of general public interest, cannot be transmitted at Press rates.

Provided the offices are open, all newspapers are entitled to receive Press news at night at evening rates, no matter whether sent in the evening prior to publication or not. The evening rates on day telegrams for evening papers are restricted to the day of publication, unless otherwise ordered.

The following rates are chargeable for the transmission of Press telegrams from or to any office in New Zealand during the prescribed hours for such business. (See "List of Telegraph-offices," also table of "Additional Attendance for Press Work," in the Post and Telegraph Guide.)

Class of News.	Hours.	Week-days.				Conditions.
		6d. for first 12 words; ½d. each additional word.				
		Morning Papers.		Evening Papers.		
12 Words.	Each additional Word.	100 Words or Fraction thereof.	100 Words or Fraction thereof.			
		d.	d.	s.	d.	
(1.) Ordinary (see 1A)	8 am to 5 pm ..	..	..	..	0 6	
(1A.) Ordinary (on day of publication only)	8 am to 5 pm..	..	..	..	0 6	Evening papers on day of publication may receive telegrams amounting in the aggregate to 1,000 words during the recess of Parliament, and 1,500 words during the session. Any excess is chargeable at ½d. per word.
(2.) News received by the San Francisco mail-steamer	8 am to 5 pm ..	6	0½	..	0 6	500 words additional to the above are allowed to evening papers on the day the San Francisco mail-steamer reaches Auckland. If steamer arrives on a Sunday, the 500 words are allowed on following day.
(3.) Cable news	8 am to 5 pm ..	..	..	0 6	0 6	If sent on day of publication of paper addressed, and bearing instructions "Cable news." Each message charged separately.
(4.) Ordinary news from or to stations not reopening in the evening	8 am to 4.30 pm	..	..	1 0	..	Telegrams not to exceed 300 words and to be lodged on day next before publication. "Special day rate" to appear in instructions. Papers may receive only one message at this rate on any one day.
(5.) Ordinary ..	5 pm to 11 pm	..	..	0 6	0 6	
(6.) Ordinary, except as at (6A)	11 pm to midnight	..	..	0 8	0 8	At offices open until midnight and at others if kept open by special arrangement.
(6A.) From Waka-puaka	11 pm to midnight	..	..	1 0	1 0	
(7.) Ordinary ..	After midnight	..	..	1 0	1 0	If kept open by special arrangement.
(8.) Parliamentary reports from Wellington	11 pm to 1 am	..	..	0 6	0 6	These telegrams must contain "PR" in the instructions.
	1 am to 2 am	..	..	0 8	0 8	
SUNDAYS.*						
(9.) Ordinary ..	5 pm to 5.30 pm	..	..	0 8	..	
(10.) ..	After 5.30 pm ..	..	..	1 0	..	If kept open by special arrangement by or on behalf of a morning paper, or by the United Press Association.
(11.) Special ..	5 pm to 5.30 pm	..	..	..	1 0	Any one evening newspaper may not receive more than 300 words and the contents of telegrams must be confined to news of events which occur between the time of closing the telegraph-office on Saturday night and its closing on Sunday.

\* No Press Telegrams are accepted during the morning attendance, nor are Press Telegrams for weekly newspapers transmitted at any time on Sundays.

## PRESS TELEGRAMS—continued.

## HOLIDAYS (STATUTORY).\*

Class of News.	Hours.	Morning Papers.			Evening Papers.	Conditions.
		12 Words.	Each additional Word.	100 Words or Fraction thereof.	100 Words or Fraction thereof.	
(12.) Ordinary ..	9 am to 4 pm ..	d.	d.	s. d.	s. d.	Each message to be charged for separately.
(13.) " ..	7 pm to 11 pm	6	0½	..	1 0	
(14.) " ..	11 pm to mid-night	..	..	0 6	0 6	
				0 8	0 8	

\* New Year's Day, Easter Monday, the birthdays of the King and the Prince of Wales, and Boxing Day, or any days substituted therefor. Good Friday and Christmas Day are regarded as Sundays, for purposes both of attendance and of assessment of rates for Press telegrams.

NOTE.—No charge is made for address and signature up to six words. In assessing the total amount due, fractions of a penny are reckoned as one penny. For rates and conditions under which offices are specially reopened for transmission of Press telegrams, see "Charges when Office reopened," &c. Evening newspapers are newspapers published after noon and before 5 p.m.

## CHARGES WHEN OFFICE REOPENED BY SPECIAL REQUEST.

*Individual Rate.*

Press messages lodged by or on behalf of individual persons or newspapers at a telegraph-office, specially reopened after the usual closing-hour, are charged as under:—

At the rate of 2s. per 100 words up to 1,000 words, the minimum collections on account of messages presented by any one person to aggregate 7s. 6d.

For every additional 100 words after the first 1,000 words, at the rate of 6d. per 100 words or fraction thereof.

In the case of a message of, say, 100 words being sent to less than four newspapers, the "minimum charge" would be divided thus—two at 3s. 9d. each = 7s. 6d.; three at 2s. 6d. each = 7s. 6d.

*Press Association Rate.*

Messages lodged and forwarded on behalf of the United Press Association are liable to the following charges:—

At the rate of 6d. per 100 words or fraction thereof, together with a fee of 7s. 6d. for reopening the office, and all charges in respect of overtime at offices other than the original forwarding office.

The additional payment to be made in all cases by the applicant.

At least six hours' notice should be given the Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington, of the desire to have an office specially reopened for Press news.

## CHARGES FOR PRESS TELEGRAMS RELATING TO EXTRAORDINARY EVENTS, ETC.

Press telegrams containing intelligence of extraordinary events, such as collisions, wrecks, large fires, explosions, &c., may be accepted for transmission between offices open for the midnight cable service, after those offices are closed for the receipt of other Press messages, on the following conditions:—

No message may exceed 100 words.

The fee of 1s. to be charged for each message.

The Officer in Charge may refuse to accept any such message which in his opinion does not contain news of an urgent nature.

These messages not to be permitted to interfere with or delay the transmission of the midnight cable news.

## Telegrams forwarded by Members of General Assembly.

Members of the General Assembly may send ordinary telegrams at the following rates, viz.:—

For the first thirty-six words or any fraction thereof, including address and signature ..	s. d.	0 6
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For every four words or fraction of four words after the first thirty-six words ..	s. d.	0 1
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There is no "urgent" code for these rates.

## LIST OF TELEGRAPH-OFFICES.

The names of the telegraph-offices in New Zealand are to be written in the addresses of telegrams as given in the list of offices published in the Post and Telegraph Guide, and the name of each office as it is thus required to be given must be counted as one word. For instance, *Abbotsford* in the address of a telegram will count as one word, and *Abbotsford, Otago*, as two words.

When a telegraph message is addressed to a place not a telegraph-office but bearing the same name as a telegraph-office, as well as to the office to which the message is to be telegraphed—thus, "*Richmond, Christchurch*"—the names of both places must be telegraphed and charged for, the first of the two names being regarded as that of a place which is not a telegraph-office.

Telegrams for persons on trains that will pass railway-stations which are public telegraph-offices must be addressed to those offices and not the departmental offices, as, for example, to **Masterton Railway**, not **Masterton**. To telegrams for persons on trains the word "**northward**" or "**southward**" should be added as part of the address to expedite delivery.

Unless otherwise stated, offices are closed on Sundays and public holidays.

A telegram for a locality where a **Receiving Office** only is situated—e.g., **Strand Arcade, Lichfield Street Oriental Bay, &c.**—must also bear the name of the delivery office, as **Auckland, Christchurch, Wellington, &c.**, the necessary additional word being telegraphed and charged for.



Money-order telegrams can be sent between all offices marked \*.

Telegrams of an urgent nature presented during the luncheon interval at offices where such interval is allowed will be despatched without delay.

Ordinary telegrams lodged during hours that offices are open for receipt of Press telegrams only must be paid for as "Extra fee" messages.

When telegraph lines are interrupted, telegrams will be accepted from the public at the sender's risk only, and despatched to the furthest practicable point, and thence to destination after communication is restored.

The telegraph-offices at Auckland, Blenheim, Christchurch, Dunedin, Gisborne, Greymouth, Hokitika, Invercargill, Masterton, Napier, Nelson, New Plymouth, Oamaru, Palmerston North, Thames, Timaru, Wanganui, Wellington, and Westport are open for the transaction of public business between the hours of 8 a.m. and midnight on ordinary week-days, except on Saturdays, when the attendance ceases at 8 p.m., on Sundays between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 10 a.m., and 5 p.m. and 5.30 p.m., and on statutory holidays (Masterton and Palmerston North offices excepted) between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., and 7 p.m. and midnight. The foregoing hours, or any variation thereof, may be extended by the Electric Telegraph Commissioner to any other telegraph-office from time to time. Other offices are generally open between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., and of these the Electric Telegraph Commissioner is empowered to order the further reopening for public business, or the restricted opening, as circumstances shall require; also, the closing daily for a period not exceeding one hour as a luncheon-period at such hours and for such periods respectively as to him shall seem fit.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGES.

1. At any place where telephone exchanges have been established, Edison-Bell or any other approved telephones connected with the exchanges will be placed in office or private residences within three miles of the central office, so that subscribers can converse with other subscribers at their offices or residences.

2. Every person desiring to hire any telephone instruments or set of telephones connected with a telephone exchange shall make application to the Superintendent of Electric Lines on the form supplied for that purpose by the department.

3. All applicants for a first connection with a telephone exchange, in addition to the rates in force for connection with an exchange, will be required to pay an entrance-fee of £1 when delivering the application for connection. In respect of connections after the first, exemption from payment of the entrance fee will only be allowed when any connection on account of which the exemption is sought is to be held permanently.

4. Subscribers at each exchange will be furnished with a list of persons with whom they may communicate by telephone, and, as new subscribers are connected with the system from time to time, notification of the fact will be given by the department.

5. The Electric Telegraph Commissioner or Superintendent of Electric Lines may refuse to connect with the telephone exchange any place of business, house, or premises which in the opinion of the Commissioner is or are used for any illegal, immoral, or improper purpose, and may, either with or without previous notice, exclude from the telephone exchange any subscriber who allows the telephone instruments in his custody or control to be damaged or destroyed, or put to any improper use, and may remove or cause to be removed any instruments allotted to the use of such subscriber. No person shall have any claim for damages or otherwise whatsoever in consequence of the refusal of the said Commissioner or Superintendent to connect any place of business or house with the exchange for any of the causes aforesaid, or in consequence of the removal of any instruments, or the exclusion of any subscriber as aforesaid.

6. All charges payable in respect of the hire of any telephone instruments shall be paid half-yearly in advance, for distances up to two miles and under, and for distances over two miles, quarterly in advance, the first payment to commence from the date when the connection with the telephone exchange is completed, and cover the then current quarter or half-year.

7. If such payment be not made within one week after demand, the connection with the exchange may, at the discretion of the Superintendent of Electric Lines, be discontinued without prejudice to any proceedings for the recovery of any moneys then due or otherwise.

8. Telephones connected with exchanges are to be used on the business of the subscriber or that of his employees, family, or guests only.

9. No extra telephone, special instrument, or appliances other than those provided and maintained by the department will be allowed to be used by any subscriber in connection with an exchange wire.

CHARGES.

1. In addition to the entrance fee of £1, the charge per annum payable in respect of the hire for any telephone instrument connected with a Government telephone exchange is as follows:—

To every subscriber for a single wire, as from the date of connection:—

	Per Annum.
	£ s.
At exchanges which are open continuously—	
Business establishments .. .. .	7 0
Private residences .. .. .	5 0
At exchanges which are not open continuously—	
Business establishments and private residences .. .. .	5 0

2. The following are the hours of attendance observed at telephone exchanges, according to the number of paying subscribers connected therewith:—

Subscribers.	Hours.	
	a.m.	p.m.
Up to 65 .. .. .	9	5
Over 65 and up to 100 .. .. .	8	8
" 100   " 125 .. .. .	8	10
" 125   " 150 .. .. .	8	midnight.
" 150 .. .. .		

Open continuously if desired by subscribers, and payment at rate of £7 per annum for business connections agreed to.

3. Extra telephone (in addition to cost of fitting), £1. Special instruments or appliances, as per agreement. Printing name of subscriber in telephone list, Free. Printing of additional names of subscribers in connection with the same number: For each additional entry, 10s.

4. The above rates are for connections with a telephone exchange of warehouses, stores, shops, and business places not more than half a mile from the exchange, and of private residences not more than one mile from the exchange.

5. For every additional quarter of a mile or fraction thereof, for each year commencing from the date of connection, and for every following year, 10s.

6. Where any connection with an exchange is over one mile in length, the applicant will be required to hold the same for three years.

7. If a connection with a telephone exchange necessitates the erection of a new line of poles beyond one mile, then the additional charge after the first mile will be at the rate of £1 for every quarter of a mile or fraction thereof.

8. For connections over three miles in length the subscriber will be charged at ordinary rates on the first three miles. For the portion beyond that distance he will be required to pay the cost of erection of the line, and an annual maintenance charge of £1 for each quarter of a mile or fraction thereof if the line is on new poles, or 10s. for each quarter of a mile if the wire is on an existing line of poles.

#### SYSTEM OF WORKING TELEPHONE EXCHANGES.

9. A subscriber requiring an exchange should ring, then take the receiver off the hook to listen, and the exchange should answer without ringing back.

10. An exchange requiring a subscriber should ring, take up the receiver to listen, and the subscriber on hearing the ring should take up the receiver and speak without ringing back.

11. A subscriber originating a connection or being joined through to another subscriber should ring up, then take up the receiver and listen, and the subscriber receiving the ring should take up the receiver and speak without ringing back.

#### TELEPHONE BUREAUX.

1. A "telephone bureau" means any ordinary telegraph or telephone office which is mentioned as a bureau in the list of telegraph-offices published in the Post and Telegraph Guide for the time being, as well as any such bureau specifically constituted.

2. The following are the charges to be paid by the public for the use of Government telephones at a telephone bureau in the colony:—

3. Where the line used is not more than twenty-five miles long, a uniform charge of 6d. for use of the same for any period not exceeding three minutes, and a further charge of 6d. for every additional three minutes or portion of three minutes, shall be made.

4. Where the line used is over twenty-five miles long, the charges will be 1s. for use of the same for any time not exceeding three minutes, and a further charge of 1s. for every additional three minutes or portion of three minutes.

5. When a subscriber to a telephone exchange, or his employee, is connected with bureau through such exchange, or with any subscriber through a bureau, only half the above rates will be charged, provided the connection originates or terminates within the postal district in which such exchange is situated.

6. When a message to the effect that any person is required at a telephone is sent to a bureau for delivery beyond the premises in which such bureau is situated, 3d. will be charged for delivery. These charges must be paid by the sender. Messages for addresses outside the ordinary delivery limits are subject to special charges for delivery, according to the extra expense thereby incurred.

7. Any one person may only use the wire for six minutes at a time—that is to say, that if another person requires the wire, at the end of six minutes it must be given up. Should the wire not be asked for, then the person using it may continue to do so at tariff rate. On Sundays ordinary rates only are charged.

#### LONG-DISTANCE COMMUNICATIONS.

8. The following are the charges for the use of Government telephones for the purpose of conversing over long-distance wires on Sundays or at other times approved by the Commissioner, usually between midnight and 8 a.m.:—

(a.) When the conversation takes place through exchanges which are open continuously, or through other exchanges or bureaux during the ordinary hours of attendance of switchboard or bureau attendants: For a period not exceeding six minutes, 2s. 6d.; and a further charge of 2s. 6d. for every additional period of six minutes or portion of six minutes.

(b.) When special attendance of switchboard or bureau attendants out of ordinary hours of attendance is required, then for each switchboard or bureau attendant called upon to make the necessary wire-connections: For every hour or less, 2s. 6d., in addition to the charges set forth in subsection (a).

9. No free conversations on public service are permitted over long-distance circuits.

#### PRIVATE WIRES.

CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH LINE WILL BE CONSTRUCTED, SUPPLIED WITH INSTRUMENTS AND MAINTAINED.

##### *Cost of Construction.*

Application should be made direct to the Superintendent of Electric Lines, Wellington, for any information regarding cost of construction and conditions under which private lines will be constructed or supplied with instruments.

##### *Maintenance and Wayleave.*

The charge for maintenance of each private line will be as under, payable yearly in advance, viz.:—

For the first mile or fraction thereof, £2 per annum, and 10s. for every additional quarter of a mile or fraction thereof.

If the wire cannot be erected on any existing poles, and therefore entails the erection of new poles, then for such new line the maintenance will be at the rate of £4 per annum for the first mile or fraction thereof, and £1 for every additional quarter of a mile or fraction thereof.

##### *Use of Lines.*

The applicants must only use the line for their own *bond fide* business, and on no account, directly or indirectly, allow the wire to be used for any purpose which might be construed into an attempt to defraud the department of its revenue.

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