

GENERAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

1. FORM OF TELEGRAMS.—All telegrams should be written on the printed forms supplied at the stations ; but telegrams written on plain paper will be received under the following conditions:—They must be legibly written in ink, contain a proper address, and bear a genuine signature in the usual handwriting of the sender. All words must be written in full ; and it is recommended to write numbers in words.

2. TRANSMISSION OF TELEGRAMS.—Ordinary telegrams will be transmitted in the order in which they are received by the officers of the department, but if several are presented for transmission about the same time, the officer is not bound to transmit more than two hundred words of any one of such telegrams before the other telegrams have been transmitted. Official telegrams take precedence of others.

3. TELEGRAMS IN CYPHER.—Telegrams may be transmitted in cypher, which will be counted according to the following scale:—Separate cyphers count as one word ; groups of five cyphers, or fractional parts of five cyphers, count as one word. Groups exceeding five cyphers are counted at the rate of five cyphers to the word. Any fractional portion remaining to be counted as a word. Note.—Where cyphers are used, the sender is recommended to pay for the repetition of the telegram, to insure accuracy in the transmission.

4. CANCELLING TELEGRAMS.—If there should be great delay in the transmission of a telegram so as to destroy its value, notice will be sent to the sender of such telegram, should his address be known, and he may apply in writing to have the telegram cancelled and the payment for it returned.

PLAN OR TARIFF OF CHARGES

For the Transmission of Telegrams on the Lines of Electric Telegraph belonging to the General Government of New Zealand.

Table with columns for destinations (Nelson, Havelock, Picton, Blenheim, Wellington, Kaikoura, Cheviot, Kaiapoi, Christchurch, Heathcote, Lyttelton, Timaru, Oamaru, Waikouaiti, Dunedin, Port Chalmers, Tokomairiro, Balclutha, Invercargill, Bluff) and rows for distances (1-50 miles). Each cell contains a numerical charge value.

5. DELIVERY OF TELEGRAMS.—Telegrams will be delivered free of charge within one mile of the station to which they may be addressed and transmitted. Beyond that distance, cab or omnibus fare, or horse-hire, will be charged as necessary. Telegrams which are required to be delivered on ship board, or across the water, will be charged the boat expenses incurred.

- 6. All telegrams must be pre-paid.
7. The repetition of a telegram will be charged at half-rate.
8. All telegrams will be held as strictly confidential.

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ORDINARY CHARGES—1 TO 100 WORDS.

Table with columns for word counts (1-7) and rows for charges in shillings and pence (s. d.). It includes a sub-table for charges per word (1d. to 4d.) and a detailed grid of charges for word counts 1-7.

As half-pence are not admitted in the accounts, the full penny will be charged in all cases where a half-penny may occur. Minimum charge, 10 words.