

communication received by you from the President of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company on the subject of the class of steamers to be used in the Pacific passage of the Canadian Pacific service, and to thank you for the same.

I have, &c.,

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No. 167.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, Sydney, to the Hon. the PREMIER, Wellington.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, 29th December, 1891.

With reference to the project to establish a steamship line between Canada and Australia in connection with an Atlantic line between Great Britain and Canada, I have the honour, at the instance of the Postmaster-General, to inform you that, as the cost of the service by Suez at present is not covered by the postage received and as it is necessary to exercise economy in the administration of the affairs of the colony, this Government is not prepared to give any direct subsidy to a line between Vancouver and Australia.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Wellington.

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