

APPENDIX A.

PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE INTERNATIONAL POSTAL UNION CONGRESS TO BE HELD AT WASHINGTON IN 1897.

New South Wales Proposals.

That provision be made in Article 16 of the Vienna Principal Convention for preventing the circulation of indecent or obscene matter through the post.

To amend Article 11 of the Convention, so as to enable official correspondence for Union countries to be transmitted without postage stamps, provided such correspondence bears an indication thereon that the postage has been paid, such as an impression "Postage paid."

Further consideration of proposal of Hobart (1892) Conference to amend clause 34 of the detailed Regulations, so that the statistics required under that clause be less voluminous than at present.

That in lieu of subsection 2° §3 of Article 4 of the Vienna Principal Convention, the following be substituted, viz.:—

For sea transits.	Letters or Post-cards.	Other articles.	
Not exceeding 2,500 miles ...	3 francs	20 centimes	} Per kilogramme.
Between 2,500 and 5,000 miles ...	6 "	40 "	
" 5,000 and 7,500 miles ...	9 "	60 "	
" 7,500 and 10,000 miles ...	12 "	80 "	
Over 10,000 miles ...	15 "	1 franc	

That subsection 2° of §1, Article 4, be suppressed.

That the necessary amendments be made in Article 5, §2, subsection 1°; Article 17, §4 and §5; and §4 of detailed Regulations 24 and 25 respectively, in order to bring same into conformity with the changes proposed.

Question of introducing uniformity of practice amongst Union Administrations in connection with the demonetisation of stamps.

To add to Union Regulation 15, so that the name and address of sender be furnished in connection with inquiries for missing registered articles.

To reduce territorial transit rates chargeable under sub-section 1°, paragraph 3, Article 4, of Vienna Principal Convention.

New Zealand Proposals.

That practically autonomous Colonies, forming units of voting groups, be formally described in the regulations as separate administrations of the Union for all purposes except voting.

That the former practice of making out acknowledgments of delivery at offices of posting, and attaching them to registered letters, be reverted to. [*See Regulation 9, of Vienna Convention.*]

That travellers' cards be defined in Article 18 of the detailed Regulations, separately from prices current.

That names of ships be allowed to be inserted in shipping advices.

That complimentary and seasonable inscriptions on Christmas, birthday, Easter, and such like cards be allowed under printed paper regulation (No. 18).

That provision be made whereby the United States of America territorial rates on Australasian mail matter may be reduced to at least the ordinary Postal Union charges.

Western Australian Proposals.

Indemnity for the loss of a registered article. Article 8 of the Convention, clause 1, should be amended to read "is entitled to an indemnity not exceeding 50 francs."

The scope of detailed Regulation 19 might be enlarged to include small packets of merchandise other than "valueless" samples, as is the practice with British Possessions and Intercolonially.

Queensland Proposals.

Omission of subsection 1, paragraph 2, Article 5, so as to allow all correspondence to be dealt with under paragraph 1 of the same article.

Amendment of clause 2, Article 26 of the Convention and detailed Regulation 39, so as to allow more time for the careful consideration of important proposals to amend the Convention and Regulations.

Victorian Proposals.

Re non-payment of postage on French official correspondence posted in the Colonies. [*Vide Article 5, of Vienna Convention, re unpaid letters, page 6.*]

Re union sea transit rates. [*Vide Article 4, of Vienna Convention, page 4.*]

Re revision of Article 27, of Postal Union Convention (page 17), through accession of Cape Colony to the Postal Union.