

No. 11.

The Hon. the PREMIER, Wellington, to the Hon. the PREMIER, Adelaide.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 6th November, 1896.

PACIFIC Cable Conference and your message twenty-sixth ultimo: This colony will take no action in the matter of appointing third representative. Only just returned to Wellington, which will explain delay in replying.

No. 12.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 10th November, 1896.

PACIFIC Cable Conference and my message of thirtieth ultimo: Have now decided not to take any action in appointing third representative.

No. 13.

The Hon. the PREMIER, Wellington, to the Hon. the PREMIER, Hobart.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 10th November, 1896.

THIRD representative Pacific Cable Conference: Decided not to take any action.

No. 14.

The Hon. the PREMIER, Wellington, to the Hon. the PREMIER, Brisbane.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 10th November, 1896.

THIRD representative Pacific Cable Conference: Decided not to take any action.

No. 15.

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

(Telegram.)

Sydney, 12th November, 1896.

PACIFIC Cable Conference: Your telegram of tenth instant *re* appointment third representative received.

No. 16.

The SECRETARY, Chamber of Commerce, Sydney, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

Sydney Chamber of Commerce,

SIR,—

Sydney, New South Wales, 26th June, 1897.

The committee of this Chamber having been appointed by resolution of the conference of Chambers of Commerce of Australasia, held in Sydney from the 17th to the 22nd May, 1897, to act as an executive in carrying out the resolutions passed at that conference, I have now the honour, by their direction, to forward you copy of resolution carried thereat:—

“*Pacific Cable*: That this conference is of opinion that the early establishment of telegraphic communication with the Mother-country, *via* the Pacific Ocean and the Dominion of Canada, under Imperial control, and passing through British possessions only, is a necessity not only in commercial interests, but for Imperial strategic reasons, and will materially assist not only the great cause of Australian Federation, but will also form a strong bond of union between Great and Greater Britains. Further, that it be a recommendation to the Governments of the various colonies represented at this conference to urge upon the Imperial Government to carry out the laying of the Pacific cable at the joint expense of the Governments interested with the least possible delay.”

I have, &c.,

HENRY CHARLES MITCHELL,

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington, New Zealand.

Secretary.

No. 17.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SECRETARY, Chamber of Commerce, Sydney.

Post and Telegraph Department, General Post Office,

Wellington, 17th July, 1897.

SIR,—

I have the honour, by direction of the Acting Postmaster-General, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, conveying a resolution carried by the conference of Chambers of Commerce of Australasia in May last, urging the laying of a Pacific cable, and to say that the representations will receive the careful consideration of the Minister.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS ROSE,

The Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Sydney.

For the Secretary.

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