

It was resolved that the following subjects be considered by Ministers in Conference. Nos. 1, 2, 21, 24, 28, 29, 32, 34, 39, 65 to 68, 87 to 88, and 102.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE.

The Hon. JNO. GAVAN DUFFY moved, that the remaining subjects included in the business Paper be referred to a Sub-Committee of the Heads of Departments, with instructions to report to the Conference.

Hon. JOSEPH COOK seconded.

Carried.

THE WASHINGTON CONVENTION.

Hon. JOHN GAVAN DUFFY gave notice to move to-morrow :—

“That this Conference recommend to the Governments of Australasia the ratification of the recommendations entered into at Washington, at the last Universal Postal Convention.

That the Sub-Committee of Permanent Heads be requested to report to the Conference :—
1st. On the several matters left optional by the principal Treaty. 2nd. On the various subsidiary Treaties entered into by some Administrations at Washington, but not signed by the Australian Delegate.”

HON. JOHN GAVAN DUFFY stated that to enable the Conference to discuss this Motion he would now table a translation of the Amendments of the Postal Union Convention and detailed Regulations.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Conference adjourned at noon until 10.30 next day.

P. O. FYSH, President.

THOS. C. JUST, Secretary.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOBART.

TUESDAY, 29TH MARCH, 1898.

The Conference met at 10.30 A.M., when the under-mentioned gentlemen, representing the Colonies herein named, were present :—

- New South Wales :* The Hon. JOSEPH COOK, M.P., Postmaster-General.
S. H. LAMBTON, Esq., Deputy Postmaster-General.
P. B. WALKER, Esq., M. Inst. C.E., M.I.E.E., Chief Electrician and Engineer-in-Chief Telegraph Department.
- Victoria :* The Hon. JOHN GAVAN DUFFY, M.L.A., Postmaster-General.
F. L. OUTTRIM, Esq., Deputy Postmaster-General, Secretary to Postal Department, and Superintendent of Telegraphs.
- South Australia :* Sir CHARLES TODD, K.C.M.G., Postmaster-General.
- Queensland :* The Hon. J. R. DICKSON, C.M.G., M.L.A., Home Secretary and Postmaster-General.
JOHN McDONNELL, Esq., Under Secretary to the Post and Telegraph Department and Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs.
JOHN HESKETH, Esq., Electrical Engineer.
- Tasmania :* H. V. BAYLY, Esq., Secretary to the Post Office.

CHAIRMAN.

Hon. JNO. GAVAN DUFFY moved, and the Hon. J. R. DICKSON seconded—

“That, in the absence of the Hon. the President, the Hon. Joseph Cook do take the Chair.”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Hon. J. R. DICKSON moved, and the Hon. JNO. GAVAN DUFFY seconded—

“That, to enable the Departmental Heads to proceed with work in Committee, the Conference adjourn until 10.30 A.M. to-morrow.”

Carried.

The Conference adjourned accordingly.

THOS. C. JUST, Secretary.