LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOBART.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH 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.

The Hon. J. R. DICKSON, C.M.G., M.L.A., Home Secretary and Queensland:

Postmaster-General.

JOHN M'DONNELL, 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.

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THURSDAY, 31st MARCH, 1898.

The President, Hon. Sir Philip Fysh, K.C.M.G., took the Chair at 10.30 A.M., when the under-mentioned gentlemen, representing the Colonies herein named, were present:—

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The Hon. John Gavan Duffy, M.L.A., Postmaster-General. Victoria:

F. L. OUTTRIM, Esq., Deputy Postmaster-General, Secretary to Postal Department, and Superintendent of Telegraphs.

South Australia: Hon. J. G. Jenkins, M.P., Commissioner of Public Works.

Sir Charles Todd, K.C.M.G., Postmaster-General.

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Tasmania: The Hon. Sir Philip Fysh, K.C.M.G., M.H.A., Treasurer and

Postmaster-General.

H. V. BAYLY, Esq., Secretary to the Post Office.

REDUCTION OF POSTAGE.

On the proposed reduction from $2\frac{1}{2}d$, to 2d, per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of postage on letters passing in both directions between the United Kingdom and other parts of the British Empire: