

Hon. JOSEPH COOK moved,—

“That in the opinion of this Conference it would be inadvisable to make any further reduction of the over-sea postage rate until the way is clear for a reduction in the present large subsidies paid for the carriage of such mails, and the present inland and intercolonial rates.”

Hon. J. GAVAN DUFFY seconded.

After discussion the Motion was agreed to.

CANADIAN POSTAGE RATES.

Honorable J. GAVAN DUFFY moved,—

“That the Conference resolve into Committee of the Whole to consider the proposal of Canada to reduce Postage on Letters to all parts of the British Empire from 5 cents to 3 cents.”

The PRESIDENT left the Chair, and the Conference went into Committee accordingly.

After some time spent therein,

Honorable J. GAVAN DUFFY moved,—

“That this Conference communicate by cable with the Canadian Post Office to the effect that the various Colonies cannot agree to receive Canadian Letters with only 3 cents postage thereon, and ask that the proposal be not proceeded with.”

Honorable J. R. DICKSON seconded.

After discussion the Motion was agreed to.

The Conference resumed, and the PRESIDENT reported the Motion.

POSTAL SURCHARGES.

On the subject *re* Queensland surcharging New Zealand postal matter prepaid at the $\frac{1}{2}d.$ per 2 oz. rate :

Honorable JOSEPH COOK moved,—

“That the subject be referred to the Sub-committee of the Heads of Departments for a Report.”

Honorable J. R. DICKSON seconded.

After discussion, Honorable JOSEPH COOK withdrew his Motion, and the subject lapsed.

OBLITERATION OF STAMPS.

On the obliteration of stamps issued to Collectors :

Hon. J. GAVAN DUFFY moved,—

“That this Conference is of opinion that all stamps issued to collectors should be post-marked, so as to prevent their being used for postal purposes.”

Hon. J. R. DICKSON seconded.

Hon. J. G. JENKINS moved as an Amendment,—

“That the word ‘specimen’ be placed across all stamps issued to collectors.”

Hon. JOSEPH COOK seconded.

After discussion, the Hon. Mr. DUFFY withdrew his Motion, and, on the Amendment being put, the voting was equal.

The PRESIDENT gave his casting vote in favour of the Amendment, which was carried.

On Question as to how Specimen Postage Stamps supplied to the public and the Berne Postal Bureau should be marked—whether “Specimen” or an obliteration of the date-stamp.

Hon. JOSEPH COOK moved,—

“That all Postage Stamps issued to the Berne Postal Bureau or between Post Offices shall bear an obliteration with the date-stamp.”

Hon. J. GAVAN DUFFY seconded the Motion, which was carried.

NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENTS, &c.

Question as to circulation of Newspaper Supplements, Advertisement Sheets Bills, with name, date, and publisher's name thereon.

Hon. JOHN GAVAN DUFFY moved,—

“That an inset or a hand-bill should not be regarded as coming within the definition of a Newspaper Supplement under the Post Office Acts.”

Hon. JOSEPH COOK seconded.

After discussion the Motion was carried.