

PACIFIC CABLE.

FINANCE. RATES, TRAFFIC, ETC.

No. 1.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER to the Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER.

Westminster Chambers, 13 Victoria Street, London, S.W.,

SIR,—

24th September, 1909.

Referring to my letter [No. 3, F.-8, 1909] of the 8th October, 1908, I beg to enclose herein copy of a letter from the Colonial Office covering a communication from the Imperial Treasury, showing the amounts recoverable from the Colonial Governments, in respect to the deficit on the working of the cable, for the year ended 31st March, 1909, and asking that arrangements might be made for payment to the Imperial Treasury of the sum of £6,765 5s. 6d., being the amount due from the Government of New Zealand.

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Payment has been duly made to the Imperial Treasury.

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I have, &c.,
WM. HALL-JONES.

The Right Hon. the Prime Minister, Wellington.

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Enclosure in No. 1.

THE UNDER-SECRETARY, Colonial Office, to the HIGH COMMISSIONER.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 16th September, 1909.

I am directed by the Earl of Crewe to transmit to you a copy of a letter from the Treasury on the subject of the expenses in connection with the Pacific Cable Board for 1908-9, and to inquire whether you can arrange to pay to the Imperial Treasury the sum of £6,765 5s. 6d., being the amount due from the Government of New Zealand.

I am to add that copies of the enclosed documents have been forwarded to the Governor of New Zealand.

I am, &c.,
H. H. JUST.

The High Commissioner for New Zealand, London.

Sub-enclosure 1 to Enclosure in No. 1.

THE SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY to the UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, Colonial Office.

SIR,—

Treasury Chambers, 7th September, 1909.

I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to acquaint you, for the information of the Earl of Crewe, that the Pacific Cable Board's account of the expenses of the cable for the year ended the 31st March last has now been audited.

A copy of the auditor's report is enclosed herewith, from which it will be seen that the deficit on the working of the cable for the year in question amounted to £60,887 9s. 10d., and the sums therefore recoverable from the colonial Governments are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Australia (six-eighteenths)	20,295	16	7
Canada (five-eighteenths)	16,913	3	10
New Zealand (two-eighteenths)	6,765	5	6
	£43,974	5	11

I am accordingly to request that you will move the Secretary of State for the Colonies to communicate with the colonial Governments concerned, in order that these amounts may be paid as soon as practicable to the credit of the account of the vote for telegraph subsidies and Pacific cable.

A copy of the printed account as presented to Parliament is also enclosed.

I am, &c.,
G. H. MURRAY.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office, London.

Sub-enclosure 2 to Enclosure in No. 1.

THE AUDITOR TO THE TREASURY, London, to the SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY, London.

SIR,—

Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, S.W., 7th August, 1909.

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Pacific Cable Board for the year ended 31st March, 1909, in accordance with the instructions conveyed in their Lordships' minute of the 17th April, 1902, and have found them correct.