

No. 46.

The Hon. the PRIME MINISTER OF THE COMMONWEALTH, Melbourne, to the Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Melbourne, 23rd December, 1909.

WIRELESS Telegraphy Conference has agreed to following resolutions: (1.) That high-power wireless stations be provided, maintained, and operated at or near Sydney in the Commonwealth, at or near Doubtless Bay in New Zealand, and at or near Suva in Fiji. (2.) That it is desirable that a system of wireless telegraphy be established to connect the groups of islands under British protection with the Commonwealth of Australia, the Dominion of New Zealand, and the headquarters of the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific at Fiji; and that for this purpose it is desirable that, in addition to those named in resolution No. 1, wireless stations be established at Tulagi (Solomon Islands), Ocean Island, and Vila (New Hebrides). (3.) That, having heard Mr. Hamilton in regard to his company's proposals, the Conference does not feel justified in recommending to the Governments concerned that the concessions asked for be granted. (4.) That it is desirable that any service of wireless telegraphy established to serve the requirements of the British Western Pacific be established and maintained under direct State control or through a State agency. (5.) That the high-power stations recommended be of such capacity that the stations at Sydney be capable of communicating with Doubtless Bay, and Doubtless Bay capable of communicating with Fiji, and that they shall be able to receive and transmit waves up to 6,000-ft., in addition to ordinary commercial waves. (6.) That medium-power stations be established at Vila (New Hebrides) and at Tulagi (Solomon Islands), the cost of the establishment of these stations to be borne as follows—Two-thirds by the Imperial Government and one-third by the Commonwealth of Australia; the loss on working-expenses and other annual charges be met by the Governments named in the same proportions; the question of concurrence and co-operation by the French Government in the establishment of the New Hebrides station to be left for consideration and action by the Imperial Government. (7.) That the cost of the establishment of the high-power station at Fiji be borne in the following proportions—Imperial Government one-third, Commonwealth of Australia one-fourth, New Zealand one-sixth, Fiji one-fourth; and that any loss on the working-expenses and other annual charges be borne by the respective Governments in the same proportions, subject to an additional contribution being made by the Government of Fiji if the station is used in connection with the local Fiji systems, such additional contribution to be determined by arrangement with the respective Governments concerned. (8.) That a station be established at Ocean Island capable of continuous communication with Fiji, and that the cost of the station be borne in the following proportions—Imperial Government two-thirds, Commonwealth Government one-third; the establishment of this station to be subject to the Pacific Phosphates Company guaranteeing the contributors against loss on working-expenses and all other annual charges including sinking fund. (9.) That the scheme of wireless telegraphy in the islands of the West Pacific, as recommended by the Conference, be embodied in an agreement to be arrived at by the Governments interested or desiring to take part therein, and that such agreement provide for the executive control and management of such works by the High Commissioner and the Government of Fiji under the complete scheme as proposed and outlined in these resolutions. The financial obligations for capital expenditure would be distributed as follows: Imperial Government, for stations at Suva, Ocean Island, New Hebrides, and Solomon Islands, £21,332; Commonwealth Government, for same stations, £11,666; Fiji, for station at Suva only, £3,000; New Zealand, for station at Suva only, £2,000: total capital expenditure, £37,932. The representatives of the Commonwealth, New Zealand, and Fiji have signed report, and, as far as finances are concerned, undertake to recommend favourable consideration to their respective Governments. If you agree, these recommendations will be forthwith made public. Full printed report, with plan of proposed stations in islands, will not be available for about a fortnight.

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No. 47.

The Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER, Wellington, to the Hon. the PRIME MINISTER OF THE COMMONWEALTH, Melbourne.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 27th December, 1909.

YOUR telegram 23rd, Wireless Telegraphy Conference: I agree to recommendations. I am pleased that such a satisfactory working-basis has been arrived at.

No. 48.

The Hon. the PRIME MINISTER OF THE COMMONWEALTH, Melbourne, to the Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Melbourne, 28th December, 1909.

MUCH obliged your wire twenty-seventh^{re} Telegraphy Conference. Will submit first meeting Cabinet. Please advise whether you have any objection to publication of report.

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No. 49.

The Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER, Wellington, to the Hon. the PRIME MINISTER OF THE COMMONWEALTH, Melbourne.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 28th December, 1909.

HAVE no objection to publication of report.