

Enclosures.

COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL PRESS CONFERENCE, AT THE INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, FRIDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1909.

Australia and New Zealand.

MR. NELSON (Victoria, Canada) proposed, That, in view of the announcement by the management of the Pacific Cable Board that it will greatly reduce the charges for Press messages passing over its lines between Canada and Australia and New Zealand, provided the Governments of the latter dominions make a corresponding reduction in their terminal rates, the Governments of Australia and New Zealand be at once communicated with, acquainting them with the terms of the concession made by the Pacific Cable Board, and asking for their co-operation in reducing the cost of these messages.

DEAR SIR,—

30th June, 1909.

In reply to your favour of the 25th June concerning a resolution passed at a meeting of the Imperial Press Conference, I am authorised by my Board to inform you that they are prepared to reduce the Press rate between Australasia and the United Kingdom to 9d. a word, provided the New Zealand and Commonwealth Governments will reduce their terminal rates to $\frac{1}{2}$ d. a word.

The Board are communicating (by cable) with the Governments in question, and hope to be able to announce shortly that the reduced rate will come into effect at an early date.

I am, &c.,

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London Manager and Secretary.

Harry E. Brittain, Esq., Honorary Secretary,
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New Zealand, No. 147.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 22nd July, 1909.

With reference to my despatch No. 112, of the 28th May, regarding the proposed Congress on the subject of the preservation of the natural resources of the world, I have the honour to request you to inform your Ministers that His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington has asked, on behalf of the head of the United States Forestry Department, to be furnished with the names of any persons who may wish to have copies of the proceedings of the Conference of United States Governors held in Washington in May, 1908.

I shall be obliged if your Ministers will kindly furnish me with the required information for communication to the United States Government.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

Governor, the Right Hon. Lord Plunket, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., &c.

No. 59.

Dominions.—Circular.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 11th August, 1909.

With reference to my circular despatches of the 3rd February and 2nd March last, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the accompanying copy of the report of the President of the Permanent Sugar Commission on the proceedings of the Commission at its recent session held at Brussels in June last.

Your Ministers will observe that the only decision arrived at by the Commission has reference to the Portuguese colony of Mozambique, in respect of which it has been decided to reimpose on sugar locally produced the counter-vailing duties which had previously been in force, but whose operation has for some time been suspended.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand