

Enclosure in No. 30.

The SECRETARY, London Chamber of Commerce, to the HIGH COMMISSIONER.

The London Chamber of Commerce, Oxford Court, Cannon Street,
London, E.C., 29th April, 1910.

SIR,—

I am instructed by the Congress Organizing Committee to ask if you will be good enough to convey to the Postal Department of the Dominion of New Zealand the terms of a resolution on the subject of telegraphic communication adopted by the seventh Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, which met at Sydney, N.S.W., in September, 1909. This resolution is as follows: "That this Congress is of opinion that it is desirable to complete the Imperial route between the Motherland and the Colonies of Canada, Australia, and New Zealand by providing a State-owned electric communication across Canada to Great Britain; and further, that the respective Postal Departments of the various Governments within the Empire be requested to bring forward a combined scheme for substantial reductions in telegraph rates, and especially in the direction of cheapening Press cablegrams."

This communication was not made earlier, as it was considered advisable to await the publication of the verbatim official report of the proceedings, in order that a copy of the debate upon the above motion might accompany this letter. This I have pleasure in appending [not printed].

I have, &c..

The High Commissioner for New Zealand.

CHARLES E. MUSGRAVE, Secretary.

No. 31.

[NEWS EXTRACT, 28th May, 1910.]

Press Cablegrams.

(Telegram.)

Melbourne, 27th May, 1910.

THE Federal Government has decided to offer a subsidy of £2,000 a year for three years for a cable service from abroad that will supply a minimum of one thousand words daily. The offer is limited to existing associations.

The conditions are not all defined, but generally they will be on the lines of the suggestions made in the Senate Committee's report on Press cables. The service must be available to all newspapers that comply with the conditions, and the control of the service will be left to the newspapers interested, every paper taking the service having a voice in the management.

All messages up to a thousand words per day must be transmitted by the Pacific cable, but no stipulation is made as to the route for anything beyond that number. The Postmaster-General will settle the conditions under which the service is supplied to papers, but not the terms.

The Government has instructed the High Commissioner in London to support in every possible way the construction of a State-owned Atlantic line.

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