

## 14. LETTER CARDS.

We have considered the question of the introduction of letter cards inland and intercolonially, but are unable to arrive at a unanimous agreement.

The Representatives of New South Wales and South Australia proposed a 1½d. card, which was disagreed to.

The only colony which uses letter cards is Victoria, where they are charged for at the rate of 1s. 3d. per doz., or 1½d. each, their face value being 1d.

## 15. SENDING UNMARKED STAMPS TO BERNE.

We recommend that all stamps sent to the Berne Bureau be cancelled, or marked "specimen."

## 16. RECONSIDERATION OF PACKET RATES.

The Representatives of the New South Wales and Victorian Departments proposed that packets containing purely printed matter should be exchanged at a rate of ½d. per 2 oz. with a minimum charge of 1d., but it was decided by a majority that the present rates be continued intercolonially.

## 17. UNIFORMITY OF STATISTICS IN ANNUAL POSTAL REPORTS.

It is suggested that the Sydney Office be requested to prepare forms of statistics, with a view to uniformity in the Annual Reports of the Departments of the various Colonies.

## 18. TELEGRAPH MONEY ORDERS.

At the Melbourne Conference of August, 1892, Victoria, New South Wales, and South Australia only being represented, it was agreed to adopt the following regulations in addition to existing precautions:—

"(1) That money order telegrams should be numbered consecutively, and in transmitting the advice the number should appear as a prefix in the body of the message.

"(2) That they should be transmitted through the Chief Office, which, after verifying the number, should advise the paying postmasters.

"(3) Postmaster or officer in charge to be held personally responsible for every money order telegram transmitted from his office.

"(4) Postmaster on no account to allow any operator or officer in the Department unattached to his office, or even his own officers when off duty, to have access to the instrument."

Since then Mr. Edgar of the Melbourne Office, and Mr. Doak of the Sydney Office, have furnished valuable suggestions which are appended, marked *A* and *B*.

As the matter is one which presents considerable difficulty, we recommend that it be remitted for further consideration to the Post Offices of the various Colonies.

## 19. CLASSIFICATION OF INTERCOLONIAL CORRESPONDENCE ON UNION LINES (BOOK AND PACKET POST).

Each colony is doing this as far as possible.

## 20. INTERCOLONIAL LETTER BILLS (WHETHER TO BE RETAINED AT OFFICE OF DESTINATION).

We recommend that the present practice be continued.

## 21. VERIFICATION CERTIFICATES (INTERCOLONIALLY).

We recommend continuance of present practice.

## 22. SYSTEM OF SURCHARGING INTERCOLONIALLY (FRANCS AND CENTS).

We propose that the present system of marking in British money be adhered to.

## 23. COMMERCIAL PAPERS, PRINTED PAPERS, AND SAMPLE POST (EXCHANGED INTERCOLONIALLY).

## (a) Detention when unpaid, &amp;c.—

We recommend that the proposal (No. 3) in the Draft Intercolonial Postal Convention be adhered to.

## (b) Extension of weight and dimensions—

We propose that no alteration be made, as the Parcel Post meets all requirements.

(c) Inland sample rate on ordinary articles (question of extending intercolonially)—  
&

## (d) Samples of gloves, boots, &amp;c., at sample rates without being unpaired—

It is customary in all the colonies except New Zealand to exchange all articles of merchandise not exceeding 16 oz. in weight, and we recommend that New Zealand adopt same.

## (e) Travellers' cards—

It is considered these should be paid for at letter rate unless entirely printed.

## (f) Minimum rate for printed papers—

See No. 16.

(g) Minimum