

POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH CONFERENCE, 1893.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATES TO THE INTERCOLONIAL CONFERENCE HELD IN BRISBANE DURING MARCH, 1893.

The colonies were all represented at the Conference.

The Conference sat on the 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 24th March, 1893.

The following were the principal resolutions carried, viz. :—

POSTAL SERVICE.

REPRESENTATIVE POSTAL UNION CONGRESS.

1. That in the opinion of this Conference one representative should be sent from Australasia on behalf of all the colonies to represent them at the Postal Union Congress.

OCEAN MAIL SERVICE.

2. That in view of the necessity for speedy and regular communication between the United Kingdom and Australasia, this Conference is of opinion that the system of subsidies should be continued, and the mail service maintained by the United Kingdom and the colonies as at present.

3. That the London Post Office be invited to call for tenders in Great Britain and Australasia for a weekly service, on conditions approved by the colonies, from *bonâ fide* British companies (to be performed by one or more companies running on alternate weeks as at present). Before any tenders are accepted, it be a request that they be submitted to the colonies for approval. The principal conditions are set forth in the proceedings of this Conference.

FUMIGATION OF MAILS.

4. This Conference is of opinion that any fumigation of mails for Australasia should be at Adelaide (not at Albany), and at Thursday Island for Northern mails.

CANADIAN-PACIFIC MAIL SERVICE.

5. That this Conference considers it desirable to negotiate for a Canadian-Pacific Postal Service.

SAN FRANCISCO MAIL SERVICE.

6. That this Conference directs that a communication be sent to the Postmaster-General, Washington, regretting the continued non-participation of the United States in the matter of the subsidy to the present San Francisco Mail Service, and also directs his attention to the excessive overland transit rates between San Francisco and New York, and respectfully requests him to urge the Pacific Railway Company to give more favourable terms.

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