

Sir JOHN FORREST seconded the proposal. His Colony was already constructing 350 miles of new line, and he was sure there would be no reason to complain of her efforts in other directions.

Mr THYNNE pointed out the advisability of connecting one of the stations on the overland line with Camooweal, and thus creating an alternative route in case of interruptions in the southern portions of the Colonies.

Sir JOHN FORREST complained of the excessive cost of telegrams from Western Australia to the other Colonies. The present rates were almost prohibitive.

Dr COCKBURN thought that the various Colonies should be prepared to see what could be done in the matter.

Votes of thanks to the Chairman, the Government of Tasmania, the Secretary, and the Press concluded the proceedings.

