

3. That it be a condition in any future contracts that Mail Boats be manned by white labour only

4. That this Conference desires to express its disappointment at the reply of the London Post Office to the conditions laid down by the Colonies for an extension of the Federal Mail Contract, and while, under the circumstances, reluctantly agreeing to such extension, desires to emphasize the terms and conditions of the Wellington Conference. This Conference further desires to inform the London Office that no future contract will be acceptable to the Colonies which does not include them, together with the Resolution passed by this Conference relating to the employment of coloured labour

5. That, while sympathising with the desire expressed by Mr. Henniker Heaton for a cheaper postage rate to and from England and the Colonies, this Conference regards the present time inopportune for carrying out the proposal, and hereby decides accordingly

TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.—PACIFIC CABLE.

6. This Conference re-affirms the desirableness of the construction of a Pacific Cable to connect the Australasian Colonies and Canada, and in view of the ascertained practicability of the scheme, respectfully urges upon the various Colonial Governments that steps be taken for the furtherance of the project at the earliest opportunity.

CABLE GUARANTEES.

7 That the several Colonies agree to guarantee International Revenue to the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company of £227,000 per year, and to make up any loss below that amount, provided the total payment in any one year shall not exceed £10,000, and to guarantee a revenue of £20,000 on the New Zealand cable, and to make up any loss below that sum, provided the payment in any one year shall not exceed £9000, provided always that rates not higher than those now ruling be charged by the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company during currency of such guarantee such arrangement to be for a fixed period of Five years.

TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

8. On the subject of precedence of Press Cable Messages, this Conference resolved :—"That the Governments concerned be urged to take steps to obviate, as far as possible, the inconvenience caused to the mercantile community by delay in forwarding private messages in case of telegraphic interruption."

ELECTRICAL.

9. That the Second Report of the Committee appointed at the Postal and Telegraphic Conference held at Hobart, 1892, for the purpose of drafting a code of Rules and Regulations for the erection and laying of Electric Light and Power Wires, be adopted by this Conference.

GENERAL.

10. The Report of the Heads of Departments on subjects of detail connected with Postal and Telegraphic matters was received and adopted. The Report contains full information as to the estimated contributions of the several Colonies under the guarantees on account of cable services.