

The President left the Chair, and the Conference resolved into Committee.

After some time spent therein, the Conference resumed, and

The Hon. P. O. FYSH reported progress made, and moved that the Conference, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. He expressed the best wishes of the Conference towards the Hon. Mr. WARD, and wished him a pleasant journey home.

The Hon. J. G. WARD seconded, and acknowledged the compliment, and requested the Hon. Mr. Fysh to represent New Zealand in his absence, which Mr Fysh agreed to do.

The Motion was carried.

Coloured Labour on Mail Boats.

The Hon. JOSEPH COOK moved—

That it be made a condition in any future contract that mail boats be manned by white labour only.

The Hon. J. G. WARD seconded the Motion, which was carried.

The Conference adjourned at 10:30 P.M. until 11 o'clock on Wednesday

JOHN GAVAN DUFFY, President.

THOS. C. JUST, Secretary

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOBART

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1895.

THE Conference met at 11 A.M., when the under-mentioned gentlemen, representing the Colonies herein named, were present:—

New South Wales : The Hon. JOSEPH COOK, M.P., Postmaster-General.
S. H. LAMBTON, Esq., Deputy Postmaster-General.

Victoria : The Hon. JOHN GAVAN DUFFY, M.L.A., Postmaster-General.
JAMES SMIBERT, Esq., Deputy Postmaster-General.

South Australia : The Hon. J. A. COCKBURN, M.P., Minister of Education, &c. &c.
Sir CHARLES TODD, K.C.M.G., Postmaster-General.

Queensland : The Hon. A. J. THYNNE, M.L.C., Postmaster-General.
JNO. M'DONNELL, Esq., Under Secretary to the Post and Telegraph Department and Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs.

Tasmania : Hon. P. O. FYSH, M.H.A., Treasurer and Postmaster-General.
H. V. BAYLY, Esq., Secretary to the Post Office.

Western Australia : Sir JOHN FORREST, Premier

New Zealand : Hon. P. O. FYSH, M.H.A., Treasurer and Postmaster-General, Tasmania.
WILLIAM GRAY, Esq., Secretary to the Post and Telegraph Department.

MAIL STEAMERS.—PORTS OF CALL.

Sir JOHN FORREST moved—That in the opinion of this Conference it is desirable that in the next Contract for the conveyance of Mails from the United Kingdom to Australia provision be made—

- (1.) That until safe and commodious Harbour accommodation be provided at Fremantle, it be optional with the Companies to call at Fremantle, but that so soon as such accommodation is provided, it be compulsory for the Companies to call at Fremantle to deliver and take on board mails and passengers.
- (2.) That any Mail Steamer arriving at Albany or at Fremantle shall remain in port for six hours at least.
- (3.) That the sailing day for Mail Steamers from Adelaide be Saturday

Hon. JOSEPH COOK seconded the Motion.

The Hon. J. A. COCKBURN moved as an Amendment—That in the new Mail Contracts the time of the Mail Steamers leaving Adelaide for England be fixed so as to allow replies to be received from Queensland, and so that Sunday work at the various ports of call be avoided.

The Hon. A. J. THYNNE seconded the Amendment *pro forma*.

After discussion the Hon. J. A. COCKBURN withdrew the Amendment, and the Motion was put and carried.