

Discussion followed, and the Hon. SIR JOHN FORREST moved that the consideration of the matter be postponed.

The Hon. JOSEPH COOK moved 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.

The Hon. J. A. COCKBURN seconded the Motion, which was carried.

No. 63.—*Standard Time.*

We beg to report that Standard Time has been adopted by Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, and that the Colonies of New Zealand, Tasmania, and Western Australia be invited to also adopt Standard Time as agreed to at Wellington Conference.

No. 64.—*Telephone List—Patent arrangement of Alphabetical Index.*

We do not see any necessity to adopt the patent arrangement submitted to the Adelaide Office.

*Bulk Newspapers.*

Sir Charles Todd read a letter from the Editor of the *South Australian Advertiser* pointing out that two newspapers pass at bulk rate of postage in Victoria, and complaining that a different course is followed in South Australia. We regret that Victoria has departed from the provision of the Convention which requires that no parcel containing less than four newspapers should pass at bulk rates, and are of opinion that the present number of papers for bulk rates should be maintained.

THANKS.

The Hon. JOSEPH COOK moved a vote of thanks to the Hon. J. Gavan Duffy for the able manner in which he had presided over the proceedings of the Conference, and for the generous hospitality and kindness which he had extended to the Delegates.

Hon. J. A. COCKBURN seconded the Motion, which was carried by acclamation.

The Hon. PRESIDENT returned thanks for the compliment paid him, and specially mentioned the able services of the Heads of Departments from the various Colonies attending the Conference.

The Hon. SIR JOHN FORREST moved a vote of thanks to the Secretary, Mr T. C. Just, for the able manner in which he had performed his duties.

The Hon. JOSEPH COOK seconded the Motion, which was carried.

Mr JUST acknowledged the compliment.

The Hon. SIR JOHN FORREST moved a vote of thanks to the Government of Tasmania, and especially to the Hon. P. O. Fysh, for their kindness and hospitality during the meeting of the Conference.

The Hon. A. J. THYNNE seconded the Motion, which was carried.

The Hon. P. O. FYSH acknowledged the vote, making special reference to the federal spirit which had animated the proceedings of the Conference.

The Hon. J. A. COCKBURN moved a vote of thanks to the Press of Tasmania and the other Colonies for the attention given to the proceedings of the Conference.

The Hon. P. O. FYSH seconded the Motion, which was carried.

The Conference at 1:30 P.M. adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN GAVAN DUFFY, President.

THOS. C. JUST, Secretary

