

PACIFIC CABLE.

FINANCE, RATES, TRAFFIC, ETC.

No. 1.

The HIGH COMMISSIONER to the Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER.

SIR,— Westminster Chambers, 13 Victoria Street, London S.W., 11th October, 1911.

Referring to my letter of the 16th September, 1910 [No. 3, F.—8, 1911], I have the honour to enclose herein copy of a letter from the Colonial Office covering a communication from the Imperial Treasury, showing the amounts recoverable from the Colonial Governments in respect to the deficit on the working of the cable, for the year ended 31st March, 1911, and asking that arrangements might be made for payment to the Imperial Treasury of the sum of £5,356 14s. 8d., being the amount due from the Government of New Zealand.

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Payment has been made to the Imperial Treasury.

The payment will appear in the next accounts forwarded to the Treasury

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Prime Minister, Wellington.

WM. HALL-JONES.

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Enclosure in No. 1.

The ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, Colonial Office, to the HIGH COMMISSIONER.

SIR,— Colonial Office, 20th September, 1911.

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to transmit to you, for the information of the High Commissioner, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Treasury on the subject of the expenses incurred in connection with the Pacific Cable Board for the year 1910–11, and to inquire whether he can arrange to pay to the Imperial Treasury the sum of £5,356 14s. 8d., being the amount due from the Government of the Dominion.

2. I am to add that copies of the papers enclosed in this letter have been forwarded to the Governor of New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

The Secretary to the High Commissioner for New Zealand.

C. P. LUCAS.

Sub-enclosure 1 in No. 1.

The ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY to the UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, Colonial Office.

SIR,— Treasury Chambers, 7th September, 1911.

I am directed by the Lord Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to acquaint you, for the information of Mr. Secretary Harcourt, that the Pacific Cable Board's account of the expenses of the cable for the year ended 31st March last has now been audited. A copy of the auditor's report is enclosed herewith, from which it will be seen that the deficit on the working of the cable for the year in question amounted to £48,210 11s. 9d., and the sums recoverable from the Colonial Governments are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Australia (six-eighteenths)	16,070	3	11
Canada (five-eighteenths)	13,391	16	7
New Zealand (two-eighteenths)	5,356	14	8
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	£34,818	15	2

I am accordingly to request that you will move the Secretary of State for the Colonies to communicate with the colonial Governments concerned in order that these amounts may be paid as soon as practicable to the credit of the account of the vote for telegraph subsidies and Pacific cable. A copy of the printed account as presented to Parliament is also enclosed.

I have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

T. L. HEATH.