

suggested by the Wellington Conference, or such a modification as may be adopted by the conference shortly to be held at Ottawa.

Having confined my remarks to the principal points raised in your letter,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES TUPPER.

P.S.—I have sent a copy of this letter to *The Times*.

Sir JOHN PENDER, M.P.

From "THE TIMES," June 1, 1894.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

Sir J. Pender has addressed the following further letter to Sir Charles Tupper :—

WINCHESTER HOUSE,

OLD BROAD STREET, E.C.,

May 30.

DEAR SIR CHARLES TUPPER,—Absence from home has alone prevented me from replying to your letter of the 17th instant earlier.

First,—Permit me to point out that although it be true that certain of the Australasian Governments have from time to time granted subsidies and guarantees to the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, my statement that telegraphic communication with Australia was established solely by private enterprise is quite accurate, the subsidies and guarantees having been given for specific purposes other than the establishment of the communication. For instance, the subsidies were granted to enable the company to duplicate the Australian section of the line, not because it was unequal to the traffic requirements, but because the Governments and telegraphing public had found to their cost that no confidence could be placed in a single line, and, as my experience fully bears out this view, I contend that if a Pacific cable is to afford the same measure of security as the existing system it must be duplicated. The guarantees were granted, as you are aware, to obtain the substantial reduction of tariff from 9s. 4d. to 4s. per word.

Secondly,—Your reference to the Berne list as your authority for stating that the Eastern Extension Company's original cables,