

No. 1.

CIRCULAR DISPATCH FROM THE COLONIAL OFFICE, LONDON,
TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF CANADA AND THE
GOVERNMENTS OF ALL BRITISH COLONIES.

DOWNING STREET, 21st November, 1890.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter from the Science and Art Department (26th July, 1890) forwarding a copy of Mr. Sandford Fleming's memorandum on Time Reckoning together with the map which accompanies it.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering the
Government of Canada.

KNUTSFORD.

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Department of Science and Art to Colonial Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND ART,

LONDON, S.W., 26th day of July, 1890.

SIR,—Referring to the letter from the Colonial Office of the 15th February last, transmitting a copy of a despatch from the Governor General of Canada enclosing certain papers relating to the reform in time-reckoning which the Canadian Institute was desirous should be communicated to this Department, I am directed by the Lords of the Committee of Council on Education to inform you that these papers were submitted to the Committee appointed to advise My Lords with reference to this question.

The Committee consider "that it is desirable that Mr. Sandford Fleming's memorandum be forwarded to the Governments of all the Colonies for their consideration with a view to the adoption of the Hour Zone system in reckoning time generally and of the 24 hour notation for railway time tables."

"The Committee desire to express their concurrence in Mr. Sandford Fleming's views as to the advantages which would result from this reform and the ease with which it could be carried out."

I am also to request you to inform the Secretary of State for the Colonies that the Astronomer Royal calls attention to a paper by Dr. Schram published in the April number of the "Observatory" showing that "Standard time" is likely to be adopted shortly on the railways of Germany and Hungary, whilst other European countries are favourably disposed towards it.

I am directed to request that you will be good enough to move Lord Knutsford, should his Lordship consider the action expedient, to cause copies