Surveys.—Charts may be seen at the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, and at the office of the High Commissioner for Canada in London, showing the soundings which have been made from time to time in the Pacific as far as recorded. It is expected that additional soundings will shortly be made, but parties making proposals must assume all risks and in the event of a contract being entered into, for establishing the cable, the contractors must themselves take means to find the most suitable points for landing the cable at all terminal and mid-ocean stations. It will be understood that in each instance, the landing privileges are to be secured by the contributing Governments.

Time of Completion.—The time limited for the completion of the cable is three years, from the date of the contract; but as it is desirable to have telegraphic communication established as soon as practicable, proposals may state a shorter period; or the same parties may make two offers, one on the basis of three years, the other on the shortest period within which the undertaking may be accomplished.

PROPOSALS.

Proposals based on the above general conditions, and in either of the three forms set forth, to be addressed to the Minister of Trade and Commerce, and delivered at his Department in Ottawa, on or before the first day of November, 1894.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE, OTTAWA, August 6th, 1894.