

"to that competition which they believe to be wise, just, and salutary. They will probably establish a tariff, though nothing has been settled as to uniformity. Correspondence has passed upon the subject, and there will be no objection to lay it before Parliament, but it is at present incomplete."

7. At this period a general election in Newfoundland was pending, which resulted in a change of Ministry, and so delayed further progress in the purchase of the New York Company's Telegraph property.

8. It being then uncertain when the Direct Co., would be permitted to touch Newfoundland, and having steamships ready for laying its cables between Ireland, Canada, and the United States, the Company proceeded during the season of 1874, to secure a complete connection across the Atlantic, between Ireland and Nova Scotia, independently of landing in Newfoundland for the present. That connection will probably be completed early in the present season, as 250 miles only remain to be laid.

9. The immediate effect of laying this cable will be materially to reduce the rate now charged, and the Direct Company intends to lay down a second cable so soon as the first has been successfully placed.

10. The Direct Company has been allowed the right to land its cable on the coast of the United States, which is freely conceded to all Telegraph Companies who may not have, or retain monopoly rights elsewhere—and that Company is desirous of exercising a similar right on the coast of Canada under the like conditions as exist there, which, if this Bill is passed into an Act, it will be enabled to do. At present, by an injunction obtained in January, 1875, in the Supreme Court of Newfoundland, at the instance of the Anglo-American Company, the Direct Company is prohibited against buoying its cable within three miles off the line of coast measured from headland to headland, and is so excluded—without its having any present intention of landing—from the shelter of any of the bays of the Island.

The Anglo-American Company—Limited.

11. The present Company arose from the consolidation of the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company, and the French Company (*Société du Cable Transatlantique*) with the Anglo-American Company. The resolutions of the Shareholders' meetings of the Anglo-American and French Companies, were passed on the 22nd and 23rd May, 1873, respectively, and on the execution of the formal deeds, about the 26th of June, 1873, the old Companies became merged into the new Consolidated Company, under the name of the Anglo-American Company.

12. The capital stock of the new Company was placed at £7,000,000 sterling; the nominal capital of the Companies so uniting, being, in the aggregate, about £7,000,000.