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PROMPT ACTION MUST BE TAKEN

Eastern Extension Company in Australia.

The British Empire League held a well-attended meeting last night in St. George's Hall. Sir Sandford Fleming read a paper upon the Pacific Cable. This was prefaced by a few remarks from Dr. Parkin, who said that at present world-wide telegraphic said that at present world-wide telegraphic connection was made from Britain only by lines passing thru foreign countries. What was wanted was an absolutely independent service connecting all the colonies of the Empire with Great Britain. The great obstacle to this was the Eastern Expect of the present that held a memoraly of the present that held a memoraly of the present that held a memoraly of the present reliable. said that at present world-wide telegraphic tension Company, that held a monopoly of

Whereas the Pacine cable has been recognized by rarhament to be an undertaking of pecunar importance to Canada, to the Australasian commes, and to the Empire, serious dendys in its establishment have neretolore been caused manifestly by the hostic impence of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company. The Eastern Extension Company is now engaged in a supreme error to defeat the project which, it successful, with subordinate the most important public interests to private gains.

In consequence of these enorts and in order to prevent the subjection of the interests of the colonies and the Empire to private purposes, an appeal should at once be made to bur Government and to all the governments concerned, orging in an the governments concerned, arging in

all the governments concerned, drg. ug in the strongest terms:

First, 'hant it is of vital importance to take prompt action in causing the Pacific cable to be proceeded with as a state undertaking and completed with the least possible delay.

Second. That the home 'Jovernment', the Government of New South Wales and other governments be earnessly asked not to assent to any agreement granting concessions to the Eastern Extension Company, which does not contain a clause reserving power to cancel such agreement in the eventsof the exigences of the public services demanding this.

Third. That the time has come when ultimate state proprietorship of all cables between British possessions should be kept prominently in view, and that therefore, in all agreements giving permission to lay new cables by private capital, a condition be attached empowering the Imperial Government to assume ownership in explicit terms.

Delays Since 1889,

The speaker enumerated the difficulties under which the Pacific cable scheme had labored, and gave an outline of the felays since 1889. Not a year ago, in July last, the colonies had appointed their representatives to a commission to look into the scheme, and everything was progressing favorably. But within the past week a press despatch had said that New South Wales was about to grant certain concessions to the Pastern Extension Company. This looked as if the hands of the monopoly were about to throttle the Pacific cable scheme.

The monopoly has offered to win New Six first-class battleships, five armored crui-

State Ownership.

Sir Sandford referred to a letter written by Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, in which e showed the benefits that would accrue from the Pacific cable under state ownership. The cable would cross the Pacific, he Indian and the Atlantic Oceans, touching only British soil.

To this letter size of the coast, including 20,000,000 ranes for the defence of Bizert, the French naval stronghold on the coast of Tunis.

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The latest difficulty presented was some-

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SCORES',

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Following this idea up, the speaker read an article from The Loudon Outlook of Jon. 6, in which it was stated that one of the heads of the Colonial Office was a director of the Eastern Extension Company, and insinuated that he had been prompted by ulterior motives.

ulterior motives.

Sir Sandford's comment was that someone in a high position had caused the matter to be dealt with hastily, and that now as the life of the Pacific cable scheme was in danger, something should be done. Who is at the Bottom?

Col. Denison, in moving the resolution read by Sir Sandford, said that some mysterious influence had always been working against the Pacific cable. He advocated the necessity of a deep-sea cable, absolutely independent of foreign nations, and this was necessary for the concentration of Britain's navy, upon which Britain's life relied.

life relied.

Rev. Dr. Potts seconded the resolution and held that the Empire should be guarded at every point and the Pacific cable was an important factor of protection.

A. E. Kemp, in endorsing the resolution, said Canada had signified her willingness to bear five-eighteenths of the expense, equal to Britain's share, and this was a fact that should show Britain Canada was in earnest.

in earnest.

J. Castell Hopkins thought the change in Government in Australia gave the solution to the latest move. He made light of the insinuation that one man in the Colonial Office could cause the action referred to, unless he was backed by strong colonial interest.

Dr. Parkin thought Australia's interest was not as keen as other colonies in regard to the Pacific cable because South Australia was interested in the Eastern Extension Company.

A Castly Message.

Col. Denison's Proposition. tension Company, that held a monopoly of the present lines. But if this monopoly was broken, the cost of a message would drop at least one-half.

Sir Sandford's Resolution.

Sir Sandford Fleming, on rising, was greeted with applause; as an introduction to his remarks, he read this resolution:

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Col. Denison's Proposition.

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Government Bill Asks For 476,000.000 Francs to Build and Equip New Warships.

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Scheme.

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Colonial Office Will Be Asked Some Questions When the Imperial Parliament Opens.

half a year or more.

lence certain things have happened which make it necessary to drag the All-British Cable Scheme again into the light of day. In a word, the Government of New South

Extension Company.

A Costly Message.

In reply to a question from J. E. Ellis, Sir Sandford told how he had cabled to Ottawa from Australia, two words, at a cost of £2 5s 7d. "I didn't send any more," was a comment that caused laughter.

Continuing, he said if the Pacific cable was laid the cost of a message would at first be but 3s a word, and it would not be long before it would be but 1s a word.

J. E. Ellis presented the commercial side of the question in an eloquent speech.

Capt. Wickham spoke on the national aspect.

Dayld Craighton company at the point.

which was raised by the Eastern Telegraph Company when there was brought forward the idea of linking together the great seasundered portions of the Empire oy an Ali-British cable—a telegraphic system which would assist intercolonial, or inter-British, commerce in transacting its business unhampered by private company monopoly and high cable rates, and would insure freedom forever from the disadvantages incidental to the fact of portions of a route being in foreign territory. The promoters felt that this system would constitute another imperial ink binding what Mr. Kipling calls the "stalwart sons" to the Mother Country.

Against the Monopoly.

Against the Monopoly. But such a scheme, tho good for the Empire, was against the private interests of the huge monopoly known as the Eastern Telegraph Company, and they—no plame, of course, to them—went against it with all the subtle wisdom and widespread power of a great corporation defending its sources of profit.

as apprehended was from the interference of foreign nations. This could be checked by the liberal offers of men and money from the colonies.

A Resolution Passed.

A, E, Kemp moved, and J. T. Small seconded, this resolution:

That this meeting urges that the Canadian Government express to the Home Government the willingness of the Canadian people to aid to the fullest of their power and resources in the war in wideh the Empire is now engaged.

J. E. Ellis, David Cregton and others endorsed the essolution, which was carried with enthusiasm.

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Canada to Protest. This would, of course, be perfectly hon-est procedure on the part of the Eastern graph Company, and would be fine business," too, no doubt; but those wh have the All-British Cable Scheme at hear have the All-British Cable Scheme at heart have heard of this move, and are up in arms against it. Lord Strathcona, High Commissioner for Canada, has sent a message across to his Government, urging them to protest against any such concession being granted, and some of the other colonial representatives in London have acted similarly in their own spheres. For they believe it would cut the ground from under the Imperial project.

When Parliament opens, the Colonial Office will, perhaps, be called upon to explain why it gave permission for the carrying out of a movement which men like Lord Strathcona believe might deal a death-blow to a great Imperial project.

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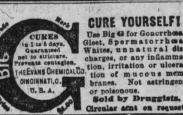
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Nellie Watson, a young woman who lives at 131 John-street, was acquitted of a charge of stealing a ring belonging to Dr. Foster, 2 College-street.

James Burnert was committed to jail for 30 days for stealing \$8 from J. H. W. Mackle. The prisoner came here and represented himself as a preacher from Galt. Frank Carroll elected to be tried by a jury, and was committed for trial on a charge of being implicated in the robbery at F. E. Bailey's home at 17 Chapel-street. Sarah Black, who does a lot of walking in the down-town streets, was sent to jail for 60 days.

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For stealing an emery wheel from the Wrought Iron Range Co., William McHugh was committed to jail for five days.

John Noble was acquitted of a charge of stealing some cutlery from Capt. Herring of Deer Park.

Thomas King asked for and received three months in jail.

Joseph Doucet, a supposed lunatic, was remanded in order that the jail physician may see him.

The Duke of Devonshire, president of the British Empire League, and the Duchess of Devonshire, will attend the Imperial concert, to be held at the Albert Hall. London, on the evening of the 7th of February, under the management of the league.

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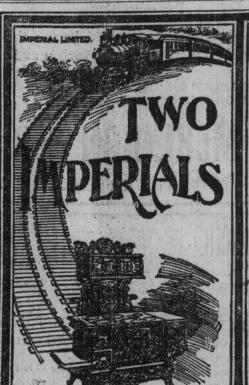
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