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THE CABLE MUST BE PAID

British Empire League Will Stand no Nonsense From the Colonial Office Over This Matter.

PROMPT ACTION MUST BE TAKEN

To Hold Off the Concessions to the 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 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 Extension 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.

Resolution.

Sir Sandford Fleming, on rising, was greeted with applause; as an introduction to his remarks, he read this resolution: Whereas the Pacific cable has been recognized by Parliament to be an undertaking of peculiar importance to Canada, to the American colonies, and to the Empire, serious urgency in its establishment have heretofore been caused by the Eastern Extension Company, which has now engaged in a supreme effort to prevent the project, the most important public interests to private gain. In consequence of these efforts and in order to prevent the subjection of the interests of the colonies and the Empire to private purposes, an appeal should be made to the Government, and the Government should be urged 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 government, the Government of New South Wales and other governments be earnestly asked not to assent to any concession creating concessions to the Eastern Extension Company, which does not contain a clause reserving power to cancel such agreement in the event of the exigencies of the public services demanding it.

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 of 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 delays 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 few weeks despatch had said that New South Wales was about to grant certain concessions to the Eastern Extension Company. This looked as if the hands of the monopoly were about to throttle the Pacific cable scheme.

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

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what mysterious. The request of the Eastern Extension Company to New South Wales was referred to the Colonial Office. At once, the Colonial Office assumed the proposal without consulting Canada and the other colonies. This, in the opinion of Sir Sandford, was wrong, and wrong, for the matter should have been referred to the Cable Board.

Following this idea up, the speaker read an article from The London Outlook of Jan. 8, 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.

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, and that the necessity of a deep-sea cable, absolutely independent of foreign nations, and insinuated that he had been prompted by ulterior motives.

A. E. Kemp, in endorsing the resolution, said Canada had staid her willingness to bear five-eighths of the expense, and insinuated that he had been prompted by ulterior motives.

Continuing, he said if the Pacific cable was laid the cost of a message would at first be but 30 cents, and would not be long before it would be but a word.

J. E. Ellis presented the commercial side of the question in an eloquent speech. Capt. Wickham spoke on the national aspect.

David Creighton emphasized the point that the cable should be owned by the Government. The national ownership, telegraph lines would result in the lowering of rates; he prophesied that this was a coming event.

The Transvaal War. The Pacific cable proposed by Dr. Parkin drew the attention of the meeting to the Transvaal war. In the present difficulties it was the duty of all to pull themselves together. It was the duty of all loyal men to lend their courage to the stern facing of the present crisis.

Col. Denison's Proposition. Col. Denison thought it was an opportune time for the Government to say to the Home Government, "If you want more men, than I will send you more." His view of the British reverses was that the great danger to be 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 desire that the Canadian people to aid to the fullest of their power and resources to the extent in which the Empire is now engaged.

J. E. Ellis, David Creighton and others endorsed the resolution, which was carried with enthusiasm.

The meeting closed with the singing of the "God Save the Queen" and three cheers for the Imperial Army.

FRANCE'S NAVAL PROGRAM

Government Bill Asks for 476,000,000 Francs to Build and Equip New Warships.

MONEY FOR THE COAST DEFENCES. An Independent Cable Also Wanted to Connect the Country With Colonies.

Paris, Jan. 30.—The Cabinet has come to a decision respecting various bills to carry out the naval schemes, and these M. Waldeck-Rousseau introduced at the opening of the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon. They were referred, at his request, to the Budget Committee.

The Government naval bill asks for 476,000,000 francs for the fleet, and provides six first-class battleships, five armored cruisers, 20 torpedo-boat destroyers, 112 torpedo boats, and 28 sub-marine boats. It also asks for 140,000,000 francs to defend the coasts, including 38,000,000 francs for the defence of Bizert, the French naval stronghold on the coast of Tunis.

Thought Well of Everywhere. A St. Catharines paper tells of how delighted the people of that city have been by the French opera, recently given in the Grand Opera House, when Miss Kober excelled in the difficult role of accomplice to a very clever company of vocalists.

Cotton Markets. New York, Jan. 30.—Cotton—Futures closed very steady. Jan. 7.00, Feb. 7.87, Mar. 7.85, April, May, June 7.84, July 7.60, Aug. 7.62, Sept. 7.20, Oct. 7.02, Nov. 7.00, Dec. 7.00.

CABLE SCHEME IN DANGER

If the Colonial Office Backs up the Eastern Telegraph Co. the Scheme is Dead.

A QUEER STORY TOLD IN LONDON.

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

London Daily Mail, Jan. 20: The All-British Cable Scheme, set on foot last summer by a happy agreement between the Mother Country and some of her leading colonies, has been lost to the public eye for half a year or more.

Now it appears that during that long silence 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 Wales has written to the Colonial Office asking permission to grant to the Eastern Telegraph Company a concession which would assist intercolonial, or in other words, a concession which would assist the Eastern Telegraph Company in its business.

All Were Partners. England, Canada, New South Wales and the other Australian colonies concerned were so many partners in the All-British Cable Scheme, and one of the cardinal and elementary conditions of partnership must be that all important transactions shall be carried out before the eyes and with the concurrence of all the partners. The action of New South Wales, therefore, is sufficiently surprising, but there is something very like the extinction!

The Opposition Raised. Readers will call to mind the opposition which was raised by the Eastern Telegraph Company when there was brought forward the idea of taking together the great sea-cabled portions of the Empire by an All-British cable—a telegraphic system which would assist intercolonial, or in other words, a concession which would assist the Eastern Telegraph Company in its business.

Government Lines. Now, the land telegraph lines in Australia are Government lines belonging to the Colonial Governments, and there are no private companies' lines inland. So when a merchant or banker or private citizen in Australia wishes to telegraph to England or elsewhere he has to use the lines of the Government telegraphists, who send it over the state wires to the coast station of the Eastern Telegraph Company, where it is passed on to them.

Canada to Protest. This would, of course, be perfectly honest procedure on the part of the Eastern Telegraph Company, and would be "very nice business," too, no doubt; but those who have the All-British cable scheme at heart have heard of this move, and are up in arms against it. To these "farmers" of the Eastern Telegraph Company, it is a concession which would cut the ground from under the Imperial project.

Parcels for Canadian Continent. Parties who desire to send parcels to their friends in the Canadian continent in South Africa, and elsewhere, some of them to T. A. S. De Wolf & Son, Halifax, N.S., care of St. Lawrence Street, Halifax, will be sent free of charge from Halifax to Cape Town. For further particulars, apply to S. J. Sharp, Western Manager, Elder-Dempster & Co., 80 Yonge-st., Toronto, Ont.

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For fighting and being disorderly on Brock-street, James Burnett was fined \$25 and costs or 60 days in jail, and Christopher Henry \$30 and costs or a like term in jail.

James Hurnett was committed to jail for 30 days for stealing \$8 from J. H. W. Mackie. The prisoner came here and represented himself as a preacher from Galt.

Frank Carroll elected to be tried by a jury, and was committed to jail on a charge of being implicated in the robbery at E. Bailey's apartment at 17 Chapel-st. Sarah Black, who does a lot of walking in the downtown streets, was sent to jail for 60 days.

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

Thomas King was asked for and received three months in jail.

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

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