

A state-owned cable across the Atlantic would at once lower cable charges between England and Canada fifty per cent.

It would eventually lead to an enormous reduction in those charges. While the present rate is 25 cents a word, it is believed there would eventually be a uniform charge not exceeding 5 cents a word between any telegraph station in the United Kingdom and any telegraph station within the limits of the Dominion.

It would at once bring down charges on messages between England, New Zealand and Australia, to half or less than half the present exorbitant rates.

It would be the harbinger of a Pan-Britannic cable and telegraph system encircling the globe.

Can that be accomplished?

I think it can, I believe it will.

I have searched in vain for the word *impossible* in the latest edition of the English dictionary.

At the Mansion House meeting when the foregoing address was delivered, there were present among others, the Duke of Argyll, Lord Milner, Lord Jersey, Lord Strathcona, Lord Blyth, Lord Weardale, Hon. Mr. Fielding (Minister of Finance for Canada), Sir F. Borden (Minister of Militia), Hon. Mr. Fisher (Canadian Minister of Agriculture), Sir Edward Sassoon, M.P., Sir H. Seymour King, M.P., Sir F. Young, Sir William Holland, M.P., Admiral the Hon Sir E. Freemantle, Sir Benjamin Stone, Sir Alfred Jones, Mr. Hemiker Heatin, M.P., Mr. Owen Philipps (chairman of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company), Sir Albert Spicer (President of the London Chambers of Commerce), Captain Muirhead Collins (representative of the Australian Commonwealth), Sir Somerset French (Agent General for the Cape), Sir Richard Solomon (Agent General for the Transvaal), and many others. Among the speakers on the occasion were Sir Edward Sassoon, Captain Muirhead Collins, on behalf of