

should be within speaking distance and that they should become neighbours, as far as steam and electricity could effect that end.

Thus it was recognized that the great over-sea British Dominions should have the most facile means of intercourse, each to each, and all with the parent power to which they owe a common allegiance. In this spirit the project of a globe-girdling chain of electric cables under State control has been developed.

Circumstances, largely of a geographical character, have divided the project into two great divisions, each covering approximately half the circumference of the globe. The *first division* extends from England westerly and southerly to the antipodes of England. It crosses the Atlantic to Canada, embraces Canada from the extreme east to the extreme west, and then passes through the Pacific Ocean to New Zealand and Australia.

The *second division* is on the opposite side of the sphere, it begins with New Zealand and Australia, it extends across the Indian ocean to United South Africa, connecting by a branch with India, from South Africa it passes through the Atlantic to England probably by way of the West Indies or Nova Scotia and Newfoundland as may be determined.

It is now more than eight years since the initial cable of the *first division* was laid across the Pacific. This cable formed a direct telegraphic connection