

possible be extended across the Pacific Ocean. The day is not far distant when the Pacific will be traversed, as the Atlantic is, by many cables, but we must take one step at a time, and the first step which circumstances demand is undoubtedly that which will give Australia an alternative line of telegraphic connection with England. In my humble judgment this step is of vital importance to the Empire as a whole, and I appeal to every British merchant at home and abroad, I appeal to every Chamber of Commerce within Her Majesty's dominions, to urge upon their Governments that the establishment of this cable should not be long delayed."

There is no section of the globe's surface where a telegraph is more needed; nowhere within the influence of the Empire would it serve purposes more important. The spanning of the Pacific Ocean by the electric wire will be of immense advantage to British shipping; it will stimulate the development of new trade; it will strengthen the attachment of the great sister Dominions in both hemispheres to the motherland; it will effectively promote that Britannic union of trade and commerce so earnestly desired by all.

