

Colonial Conference.

STAFF REQUIRED FOR STATIONS AND OFFICE EXPENSES.

Vancouver, B.C. :—

	Per annum.	
1 superintendent.....	£ 400	
4 clerks at £200	800	
2 messengers at £50.....	100	
4 boys at £30.....	120	
Taxes, ground rents, renewals and repairs.....	200	
Stationery, insurance, advertising	200	
Sundries unforeseen.....	200	
		£2,000

Necker and Canton Islands (each) :—

1 superintendent.....	£ 600	
8 clerks at £500	4,000	
3 messengers at £100.....	300	
Rations £1 per week per head.....	600	
Sundries unforeseen	500	
	2 × £6,000	12,000

Suva, Fiji, and Ahaipara, N.Z. (each) :—

1 superintendent.....	£ 500	
8 clerks at £400.....	3,200	
3 messengers at £80.....	240	
Rations £1 per week per head.....	600	
Sundries unforeseen.....	460	
	2 × £5,000	10,000

Total annual cost of staff and office expenses.....		£24,000
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REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF CABLES.

Two repairing steamers of about 1,800 tons each, fitted complete, at..... £ 100,000 £ 200,000

ANNUAL COST—

(a) Fixed Expenses—

Repair of hull and machinery at.....	£ 1,200	£ 2,400
Wages of crew, victualling and other running expenses—		
2 x 365 days, at.....	20	14,600

(b) Variable Expenses—

Two months at sea, each steamer—

For ropes and other stores, extra pay, &c., at £125 per day.....	£ 15,000	
100 naut. miles cable, at £200 per naut. mile.....	20,000	
100 naut. miles cable, at £350 per naut. mile.....	35,000	
Sundries.....	3,000	

£ 90,000

The variable expenses (b) are usually estimated at £6 per naut. mile, which would, in this case, amount to about £45,000.