

endeavor to secure the co-operation of Her Majesty's Government on the subject."

It is only necessary for me to say that the communication when provided, apart from its commercial value, will be most important to the mother country, and to the colonies, providing as it does an independent line of telegraph to Australasia and the East, and I trust therefore that Her Majesty's Government and the Government of India will be prepared to assist substantially in carrying the proposal into effect.

Will you be so good as to bring the matter under the notice of the Secretary of State for the Colonies?

I am, &c.,

CHARLES TUPPER,
High Commissioner.

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street, S. W.

DOCUMENTS IN REFERENCE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIRECT
TELEGRAPHIC CONNEXION BETWEEN AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND,
CANADA, AND GREAT BRITAIN.

No. 1.

ORDER IN COUNCIL IN REFERENCE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TELEGRAPHIC CONNEXION
BETWEEN THE AUSTRALIAN COLONIES, CANADA AND GREAT BRITAIN.

PRIVY COUNCIL, CANADA, OTTAWA, 10th June, 1886.

SIR,—By direction of the Right Honorable the President of the Council, I forward you a copy of an Order in Council, dated 8th June, 1886, with respect to the subject of the proposed establishment of telegraphic communication by cable from the Australian Colonies, for your action and co-operation as therein expressed.

I have, &c.,

JOHN J. McGEE,
Clerk, Privy Council.

The Hon. Sir CHARLES TUPPER, G.C.M.G., C.B.,
High Commissioner for Canada,
9, Victoria Chambers,
London, S. W.

IV.—5.

CANADA,

CERTIFIED COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 8th June, 1886.

On a memorandum, dated 22nd May, 1886, from the Minister of Public Works, submitting a communication from the High Commissioner for Canada in London, enclosing a copy of a circular addressed by the Colonial Office to the Agents General of the Australian Colonies, on the subject of the proposed establishment of telegraphic communications by cable from those colonies to San Francisco, the last paragraph of which is as follows:—

"In view of the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway, it would seem to deserve consideration whether such a cable, if constructed, might not more advantageously have its terminus in British Columbia."

The Minister represents that several communications have been received from Mr. Sandford Fleming, C.E., setting forth the scheme of a company, represented by