

TELEGRAPH BETWEEN AUSTRALIA, CANADA, AND GREAT BRITAIN.

MEMORANDUM BY SANDFORD FLEMING.

1. It is proposed that a Company be formed for the purpose of establishing telegraphic communication between Australasia and Great Britain by a new and independent line. This new telegraph is projected to traverse lands and seas beyond the control of any Power likely to prove hostile to the British Empire.

2. It is proposed that a chain of electric cables be laid across the Pacific Ocean, to connect the Australian group of Colonies with Vancouver, the western terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The cables to land at such intermediate islands as may be found suitable for mid-stations.

3. Arrangements have already been made with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the transmission of all through telegraph business between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans on extremely favourable terms.

4. It is proposed to acquire complete control of one of the existing Atlantic cables landing on the shores of Canada, or to lay a new cable from Canada to Great Britain.

5. The whole line may be divided into three great Sections, viz.:—

(A.) THE PACIFIC SECTION.

This section will consist mainly of electric cables, the lengths of which after allowing for slack will approximately be as follow:—

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