A Shareholder wished to know whether this Company worked the cable, and having taken credit for 25 per cent., handed over the balance to the Atlantic Company, or whether the Atlantic Company did the work. If the Atlantic Company worked the cable he could not see what necessity there was for this Company to have Auditors.

The Chairman said the cables were worked by the Anglo-American Company, who kept the accounts and paid all the working expenses. They then took for themselves a sum equal to 25 per cent. upon their total capital, and handed over the balance, if any, to the Atlantic Company up to a further sum of £72,000, after which, the two Companies divided half and half. There was, therefore, a necessity for their auditing the accounts.

Mr. Conybeare asked what prospect there was of the Atlantic Company buying them up.

The Chairman would not undertake the responsibility of prophesying. The shares of the Anglo-American Company were now only at £150 in the market. If the Atlantic Company be able to buy them up they could only do so by paying £200 for each £100 of Anglo-American stock.

Another Shareholder suggested that an immediate advantage to the Company would probably result from a reduction of the tariff to 5*s.* per word, and complained that customers were not informed when stoppages occurred in the working of the land lines in America.