

TELEGRAPH BETWEEN AUSTRALASIA, CANADA, AND GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, *July 19th*, 1886.

*The Honourable Sir Charles Tupper, G.C.M.G., C.B.,
High Commissioner for Canada, London.*

SIR,

The undersigned, who were present at the meeting of the Agents General on the 12th instant, having been requested by you to ascertain the amount of subsidy which would be necessary to enable a Company to connect England telegraphically with Australia through Canada and the Pacific Ocean, have the honour to state :

We have considered the whole question and are of opinion that a substantial Company can be formed to establish an efficient telegraph connection on the route proposed for a total annual subsidy of £100,000 for twenty-five years.

The subsidy may be apportioned as follows, *i.e.* :—

1. Great Britain, on behalf of the United Kingdom, India, and the Crown Colonies	£50,000
2. Canada	10,000
3. Queensland	10,000
4. New South Wales	10,000
5. Victoria	10,000
6. New Zealand, Tasmania, and Western Australia	10,000
	£100,000