

Route No. 5.

As in routes Nos. 2, 3, and 4, the cable to run from Vancouver Island to Necker Island; from Necker Island to Fiji, thence to Jersey, thence direct to New Zealand.

	Knots.
Vancouver Island to Necker Island - - - - -	2,431
Necker Island to Fiji - - - - -	2,546
Fiji to New Zealand - - - - -	1,150
Total - - - - -	6,127

Route No. 6.

From Vancouver Island the cable to extend to Honolulu; from Honolulu to Fiji, and from Fiji to follow route No. 1 to New Zealand and Australia. On the section between Honolulu and Fiji one of the Phoenix Islands may possibly be found available for a mid-station.

	Knots.
Vancouver Island to Honolulu - - - - -	2,280
Honolulu to Fiji - - - - -	2,600
Fiji to Norfolk Island - - - - -	1,022
Norfolk Island to New Zealand - - - - -	415
Norfolk Island to Tweed Mouth - - - - -	761
Total - - - - -	7,078

Route No. 7.

From Vancouver Island the cable to extend to Honolulu; from Honolulu to Onoatua of the Gilbert Group; from Onoatua to San Christoval of the Solomon Group; from San Christoval to Bowen.

	Knots.
Vancouver Island to Honolulu - - - - -	2,280
Honolulu to Onoatua - - - - -	2,080
Onoatua to San Christoval - - - - -	953
San Christoval to Bowen - - - - -	980
Total - - - - -	6,293

Route No. 8.

From Vancouver Island the cable to extend to Honolulu; from Honolulu to Fiji, possibly with a mid station on this section if a suitable island be available. From Fiji the cable to run direct to New Zealand.

	Knots.
Vancouver Island to Honolulu - - - - -	2,280
Honolulu to Fiji - - - - -	2,600
Fiji to New Zealand - - - - -	1,150
Total - - - - -	6,030

The northern terminus of each route is on Vancouver Island. The cable will land at some suitable point to be determined, probably at Port San Juan, near the entrance of the strait of San Juan, or at Barclay Sound.

The several routes above described are shown generally on the accompanying map of the world. The distances given in each case are believed to be approximately correct, but are not guaranteed. Parties offering to provide and lay the cable must make their own calculations of distances and satisfy themselves.

Character of Cables.—Proposals will describe the type of cables intended to be used on each section, and state the weight of conductors and insulators per knot in each case.

Shore Ends.—The best description of landing cables must be employed at terminal points and all mid-stations. The proposals will describe the character, weight, and length of shore-end cables to be used in each case.

Speeds.—The calculated speeds for each section of the cable shall in no case be less than 12 words per minute.

Stations and Equipments.—Each offer will describe the character and approximate cost of buildings, instruments, &c., to be furnished for each terminal and mid-ocean station.

Repairs and Maintenance.—Proposals will state the provision intended to be made for repairs and maintenance, the number, tonnage, and value of repair steamers. In the case of offers made under Form A., the steamers and stores will be found by, and remain the property of the contractor, until the end of three years from the completion of the cable, to be then taken over at a valuation as may be stipulated and agreed.