

of public expediency that the State should control an unbroken line of telegraph established for the safety and well being of the Empire. It is possible, therefore, that the companies may have to rest content with more moderate gains than hitherto, at least until there be a new development of business under the changed condition. That a development of telegraph business beyond all ordinary conception will result from the establishment of the Imperial service there can be no doubt whatever.

In the event of a determination being reached to complete the Imperial telegraph service, before proceeding to lay a State cable across the Indian Ocean, the private company now owning it should be given the option to transfer, at a fair price, the private cable recently laid by them between Australia and South Africa. And arrangements should likewise be made to connect the Cape with the United Kingdom by a State-owned cable and India East and West should be brought within the range of the Imperial cable girdle. These, with the Pacific Cable, will complete the Globe-encircling telegraph line designed to link together the Transmarine home lands of the British people on the five continents. It will prove an Imperial service in every sense. It will greatly promote the commercial and industrial well-being of all the parts. It will strengthen their relationship, and enable the whole fabric the better to withstand any stress or strain which the future may bring.

There is a rapidly growing desire on the part of the British people, everywhere, to strengthen the ties and multiply the links which unite the Mother nation with the daughter states. This feeling of attachment prevails in Australia and in New Zealand. It is especially marked in Canada, and we are warranted in expressing the foregoing views on behalf of like minded Canadians. Their name is legion and they are prompted only by one spirit. Their ardent desire is to join cordially and actively in building up the Empire on an enduring basis, that it may long continue to confer benefits on the human race.