

forward, especially with reference to the proceedings at the Adelaide Conference in May, 1890, and submitted a list of subjects for consideration, which was ordered to be printed.

The Hon. J. Gavan Duffy also submitted a list of subjects which he considered worthy of consideration, which was ordered to be printed.

The Hon. J. G. Duffy then moved the following resolutions, which, after debate, were unanimously adopted, viz.: "(1.) That, in the opinion of this Conference, the colonies of Australasia should accept the invitation to be present at the Postal Conference at Vienna. (2.) That the Representatives of Australasia be instructed to advocate the admission of Australasia into the Postal Union, on condition that Australasia receives adequate representation, and that the maritime transit rates be not lowered without the consent of the countries maintaining the sea-services."

The Hon. Sir John Bray laid upon the table certain papers and schedules, which were ordered to be printed.

The Hon. Theodore Unmack also laid upon the table a paper bearing upon the subject of entering the Postal Union, which was ordered to be printed.

The Hon. J. Gavan Duffy gave notices of motion, as follows: (1.) That this Conference take into consideration the question of appointing representatives to the Postal Congress at Vienna. (2.) That, in the opinion of this Conference, the time has arrived when a uniform rate of postage for letters of 1d. for $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. should be adopted through the whole of Australasia.

The Hon. B. Stafford Bird then moved, and the Hon. Theodore Unmack seconded, the following resolution, which was unanimously agreed to, viz.: "That the permanent heads of the Post and Telegraph Departments be requested to draw up reports and make recommendations in regard to items Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of Mr. O'Connor's programme, and 4, 7, and 9 of Mr. Duffy's."

The Hon. Sir John Bray proposed the following motion: That it is desirable to enter into an agreement with the Eastern Telegraph Company on the basis of the draft agreement laid on the table; when, after discussion, the Hon. J. Gavan Duffy moved the adjournment of the debate. Carried.

On the motion of the Hon. B. Stafford Bird, seconded by the Hon. Sir John Bray, the Conference adjourned at 5 o'clock p.m. until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SYDNEY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 1891.

Present: New South Wales—The Hon. Daniel O'Connor, M.P., Postmaster-General (President); S. H. Lambton, Esq., Secretary to the Post Office Department; E. C. Cracknell, Esq., Superintendent of Telegraphs. Victoria—The Hon. John Gavan Duffy, Postmaster-General; James Smibert, Esq., Deputy Postmaster-General. South Australia—The Hon. Sir John Bray, K.C.M.G., Chief Secretary; Charles Todd, Esq., C.M.G., M.A., F.R.S., Postmaster-General. Queensland—The Hon. Theodore Unmack, M.P., Postmaster-General; John McDonnell, Esq., Under Secretary to the Post and Telegraph Department. Tasmania: The Hon. B. Stafford Bird, M.P., Colonial Treasurer and Postmaster-General; Robert Henry, Esq., Superintendent of Telegraphs. New Zealand—The Hon. J. G. Ward, M.P., Postmaster-General; William Gray, Esq., Secretary to the Post Office and Telegraphs. Western Australia—The Hon. Sir John Bray, K.C.M.G., acting representative.

The Conference having assembled at 10 o'clock, the debate upon Sir John Bray's motion, on the subject of the desirability of entering into an agreement with the Eastern Extension Company on the basis of the draft agreement laid upon the table, was resumed, and, after discussion, in which the Hon. Sir John Bray, the Hon. John Gavan Duffy, the Hon. B. Stafford Bird, and the Hon. Theodore Unmack took part, the further consideration of the subject was, upon the motion of Mr. Unmack, adjourned until the next meeting.

The Hon. Theodore Unmack laid before the Conference a paper prepared by the Postmaster-General of Queensland in reference to that colony joining in the subsidy to the Eastern Extension and China Telegraph Company, which was ordered to be printed.

On the motion of the Hon. Sir John Bray, seconded by the Hon. John Gavan Duffy, the Conference adjourned until Monday next, the 2nd proximo, at 2.30 o'clock.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SYDNEY, 2ND MARCH, 1891.

Present: New South Wales—The Hon. Daniel O'Connor, M.P., Postmaster-General (President); S. H. Lambton, Esq., Secretary to the Post Office Department; E. C. Cracknell, Esq., Superintendent of Telegraphs. Victoria—The Hon. John Gavan Duffy, M.P., Postmaster-General; James Smibert, Esq., Deputy Postmaster-General. South Australia—The Hon. Sir John Bray, K.C.M.G., Chief Secretary; Charles Todd, Esq., C.M.G., M.A., F.R.S., Postmaster-General. Queensland—The Hon. Theodore Unmack, M.P., Postmaster-General; John McDonnell, Esq., Under-Secretary to the Post and Telegraph Department. Tasmania—The Hon. B. Stafford Bird, M.P., Treasurer and Postmaster-General; Robert Henry, Esq., Superintendent of Telegraphs. New Zealand—The Hon. J. G. Ward, M.P., Postmaster-General; William Gray, Esq., Secretary to the Post Office and Telegraphs. Western Australia—The Hon. Sir John Bray, K.C.M.G., acting representative.

The Conference having assembled at 2.30 o'clock, the minutes of the proceedings on the 27th and 28th ultimo were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Sir John Bray, with the permission of the Hon. Theodore Unmack (who had moved the adjournment of the debate on Saturday last), moved, That the rates for Press telegrams relating to the proceedings of the Australian National Convention be reduced to all of the colonies by one-half.

The Hon. Sir John Gavan Duffy seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

The Hon. Theodore Unmack resumed the debate upon Sir John Bray's motion, on the subject of entering into an agreement with the Eastern Extension Company.