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CENSUS OF TASMANIA :

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TELEGRAM.

Sydney, 13th May, 1880.

THIS Government have before Parliament a Bill for taking the Census in 1881. I presume your Government will also take the Census. I need not say that it is desirable that the Census in all the Australian Colonies and in New Zealand should be taken on the same night. We propose to take the Census of New South Wales on the night of Sunday, the third day of April. Will you adopt the same time?

HENRY PARKES, *Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary, Tasmania.

TELEGRAM.

Hobart Town, 13th May, 1880.

ON what day does your Government propose to take Census next year?

PREMIER, *Tasmania.*

Chief Secretary, Victoria.

TELEGRAM.

Treasury, Victoria, 15th May, 1880.

OUR Census Bill will give power to Governor in Council to fix date; we purpose adopting date named for Census of Great Britain, and have requested our Agent-General to advise us when that date has been determined.

CHIEF SECRETARY, *Victoria.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Tasmania.

TELEGRAM.

Hobart Town, 17th May, 1880.

GOVERNMENT propose to adopt the same date as may be fixed for Census of Great Britain.

PREMIER, *Tasmania.*

Colonial Secretary, New South Wales.

TELEGRAM.

Melbourne, 20th May, 1880.

My attention called in Parliament to desirableness of Conference of Statistical Officers of Colonial Governments prior to Census in order to secure uniformity; this Government favourable, and would propose Melbourne as place of meeting; be so good as to favour me with your views. I have sent similar telegram to other Colonies.

ROBT. RAMSAY.

Colonial Secretary, Tasmania.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hobart Town, 26th May, 1880.

SIR,

IN reply to your Telegram of the 20th instant, I have the honor to inform you that this Government is also of opinion that it would be most desirable to hold a Conference of Statistical Officers prior to the Census being taken, in order to secure uniformity.

I desire, however, to point out that the Government Statistician, Mr. E. C. Nowell, who would represent this Government, is Clerk of the Legislative Council; and, as it is not improbable that Parliament will be in Session in the months of August and September, I take the liberty of suggesting that the Conference might meet in November, if that month would suit the convenience of the other Colonies. With regard to the place of meeting, I agree with you that it should be Melbourne, but will be quite willing to defer on this point to what the majority may decide upon.

I have, &c.

The Hon. the Chief Secretary, Victoria.

WM. MOORE.

TELEGRAM.

Sydney, 3rd June, 1880.

GREAT Britain takes Census on the night of April third, eighteen eighty-one, the date fixed also by this Colony: hope your Government will take Census on same night.

HENRY PARKES.

Colonial Secretary, Tasmania.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hobart Town, 4th June, 1880.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Telegram of the 3rd instant, informing me that "Great Britain takes Census on the night of April 3rd, 1881, the date fixed also by your Colony."

This Government will be prepared to take the Census of this Colony on the same night.

I have, &c.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, New South Wales.

WM. MOORE.

(CIRCULAR.)

Downing-street, 27th April, 1880.

SIR,

I HAVE been in communication with the Registrar-General respecting the decennial Census which it is proposed to take in this Country in the year 1881; and I am of opinion that it is most important that, as in 1871, an enumeration of the people throughout the Colonies should be made simultaneously with that of the United Kingdom, so as to show the numbers present in each place at midnight on the 3rd of April, 1881, the Schedules being collected by the enumerators on Monday, the 4th of April, and that uniformity as regards the particulars required should, as far as practicable, be observed in this great undertaking. If the necessary arrangements are made, it will be practicable for the Registrar-General to include in his Report a Summary of the Statistics relating to the Colonies, such as was given in the 4th Volume of the Report laid before Parliament in 1873.

The Registrar-General hopes shortly to be in a position to furnish copies of the Householders' Schedule adopted for the United Kingdom, which will show the several heads of information desired, when copies will be transmitted to you.

In the meantime, I feel assured that your Government will fully recognise the advantage and importance of taking a Census simultaneously throughout the British Empire, and I shall be glad to learn that the necessary preliminary steps in the matter will be taken in the Colony under your Government.

I have, &c.

The Officer Administering the Government of Tasmania.

M. E. HICKS BEACH.

FORWARDED to the Hon. the Premier.

WM. MOORE.
2nd July, '80.

PERUSED and returned. The Parliament of Tasmania will be invited by Ministers to make provision for taking a Census of the Population of this Colony on the day named; and any information or papers which may be received from the Registrar-General in due time will be availed of so far as the circumstances of the Colony will permit.

W. R GIBLIN.
5 July, 1880.

Despatch No. 55.

Government House, Hobart Town, 21st July, 1880.

MY LORD,

WITH reference to the Circular Despatch of the 27th April last of Secretary Sir Michael Hicks Beach, directing attention to the Decennial Census proposed to be taken in the British Islands in the year 1881, and the advantage and importance of taking a Census simultaneously throughout the British Empire, I have the honor to state for Your Lordship's information that the Parliament of Tasmania will be invited to make provision for taking a Census of the Population of the Colony on the day named in the Circular Despatch; and that this Government will avail itself, so far as the circumstances of the Colony will permit, of any information or papers which may be received from the Registrar-General in due time.

I have, &c.

FRANCIS SMITH.

The Right Honorable the Earl of KIMBERLEY.
