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Synopsis: Agreement at the Melbourne Postal Conference. Todd to meet NSW Astronomer

Summary: P&O tender not accepted, new ones to be called for, hope of securing a better service.

Delegates will reconvene to conclude. Todd to H. C. meet Russel on matters scientific

THE AUSTRALASIAN POSTAL CONFERENCE.

[By Telegraph.]

Melbourne, November 22.

The Intercolonial Postal Conference met to-day. The question of the European mail service was further considered, but not finally disposed of, but an agreement has virtually been arrived at. After the close of the Conference the delegates will submit the result of their deliberations to their respective Governments, and in the meantime it is not considered advisable that any further information on the subject should be made public. As previously stated, the tenders sent in by the P. & O. and Orient Companies are not to be accepted. It was stated to-day, that fresh tenders were to be called for, but in view of the fact that there are only two Companies in competition for the service the Conference instead of adopting this course will endeavour to effect a satisfactory arrangement with previous tenderers by negotiations. The whole question has been dealt with in an enterprising spirit by the Conference, and it is hoped that greater dispatch in the conveyance of mails will be secured. The Conference will meet again to conclude its labours. The visitors have been hospitably entertained since their arrival. On one evening they visited Government House. This afternoon they were entertained at dinner at Menzies' Hotel by the Mayor of Melbourne, and in the evening enjoyed the hospitality of Rear- Admiral Tryon on board the Nelson. Messrs. Downer and Suttor will leave Melbourne at the close of the Conference, but Mr. Todd will remain for a short time, as he has some further business to transact. As Mr. Todd is the Government Astronomer of South Australia he has arranged to meet Mr. H. C. Russell, the Government Astronomer of New South Wales, in Melbourne with reference to various scientific questions.