

bounty, are required to transmit the particulars of any such demand to the Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty, in order that the same may be examined, taxed, and allowed by that Officer, and paid under the sanction of the Judge of the said Court.

Due notice will be given, by future advertisements in the London Gazette, of the date proposed for the commencement of distribution; and at the same time, the amount of an individual's share in the respective classes will be announced.

RHEEA OR CHINA GRASS FIBRE.

*India Office, Revenue Department,
February 10, 1870.*

THE Secretary of State for India in Council has been requested by his Excellency the Governor General of India in Council to give publicity to the following Notification which he has issued in India.

Herman Merivale.

No. 145.

*Fort William.—Home Department.—Public.
January 11, 1870.*

NOTIFICATION.

THE Governor-General in Council is pleased to direct the publication of the following Advertisement:—

Advertisement.

1. The Government of India, after communication with various Agricultural and Horticultural Societies in India, and with persons interested in the subject, has arrived at the conclusion that the only real obstacle to the development of an extensive trade in the fibre of Rheea, or China-grass, is the want of suitable machinery for separating the fibre and bark from the stem, and the fibre from the bark, the cost of effecting such separation by manual labour being great.

2. The demand for the fibre is now large, and no doubt might be extended with reduced prices, and there is a practically unlimited extent of country in India where the plant could be grown.

3. The requirements of the case appear to be some machinery or process capable of producing, with the aid of animal, water, or steam power, a ton of fibre of a quality which shall average in value not less than £50 per ton in the English market, at a total cost, all processes of manufacture and allowance for wear and tear included, of not more than £15 per ton. The said processes are to be understood to include all the operations performed, after the cutting and transport of the plant to the place of manufacture, to the completion of the manufacture of the fibre of the quality above described. The machinery must be simple, strong, durable and cheap; and should be suited for erection at, or near, the plantations, as the refuse is very useful as manure for continued cultivation.

4. To stimulate the invention, or adaptation, of such machinery or process, the Government of India hereby offers a prize of £5,000 for the machine and process that best fulfils all the requirements named above.

5. Rewards of moderate amount will be given for really meritorious inventions, even though failing to meet entirely all the conditions named.

6. Arrangements will be made by the Government of India for the supply of carefully dried stems, and specimens of fibre separated from the bark, but subjected to no other process, to

mechanical firms and others desirous of competing, on application to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Home Department.

7. All machinery, &c., must be brought by the competitors, at their own charge, to a locality which will be notified hereafter, probably in the North-West Provinces or the Punjab, and there worked under the supervision of their own representatives for a sufficient time to enable the judges appointed by Government to determine whether all the conditions named have been complied with. The prize machine is to be transferred, if required, to Government at 5 per cent. above cost price; the patent right in any such machine to be also transferred, if required, to Government, on the latter securing to the patentee a royalty of 5 per cent. on the cost price of all machines manufactured under the patent during its currency.

8. One year from the date of this advertisement will be allowed for the preparation of the machines, and their transport to the locality named for the competition, and the trials will then be made, and the decision of the judges announced. If no invention of sufficient merit is received in the above-named period to obtain the prize offered, the Government will continue to allow machines to be tendered for trial until the end of two years from the same date, after which, or on the award of the prize, the offers herein made will be withdrawn.

By order of the Governor General in Council,

(Signed) *F. C. Bayley,*
Secretary to the Government of India.

In Parliament—Session 1870.

Atlantic Telegraph Company.

Exchange of Capital for Stock or Shares of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company Limited; Transfer of Telegraph Lines and Property and Mortgage Debt to that Company; Confirmation of Agreements with the Anglo-American Telegraph Company Limited and with other Telegraph Companies; Power to enter into Agreements; Dissolution and Winding-up of Company; Amendment of Acts, &c.

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the session of the present year by the Atlantic Telegraph Company (hereinafter called the Company) for an Act for the following purposes or some of them, that is to say:—

To authorize and enable the Company to exchange their existing capital stocks, both ordinary and preferential, for shares or stock of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company Limited, on terms agreed or to be agreed or provided by the Bill, and to transfer their telegraph lines, property, rights, and privileges, and also their mortgage debt to the Anglo-American Telegraph Company Limited, and to authorize and enable the Anglo-American Telegraph Company Limited to effect and accept such exchange and transfer.

To confirm the following agreements, namely, an agreement entered into between the Company, the Anglo-American Telegraph Company Limited, and the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company, of the one part, and the Société du Cable Transatlantique Français Limited, of the other part; also to confirm an agreement entered into between the Anglo-American Telegraph Company Limited, of the one part, and the Company, of the other part; also an agreement between the New York, Newfoundland, and