

5 June 1882

THOMAS A. EDISON,
NO. 65 FIFTH AVENUE,

NEW YORK,

April 19th. 188

Chas. H. Woolcott, Esq.

Town Clerks Office.

Sydney.

New South Wales.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your No. 82/94 of Feb.
20th. I beg to state that I am at present in
negotiation with some gentlemen in London for the
sale of my electric light interest in New South
Wales to whom I shall hope to refer your favor
immediately the negotiations are closed.

Yours truly,

Thos. A. Edison

Lamps are equal to 2000 candles. it, is stated that, with one of these lamps at an elevation of 20 feet, a newspaper can be read in any part of an area of 57,000 square feet,

The Electric Light and Power Generator Company, have offered to light the Pentonville Road London for $3\frac{1}{4}$ per lamp per hour using Maximo incandescent lights in the old street lamps. 36 in number at a total cost of £107.17.6. for twelve months. but this can only be an advertisement, and no actual facts can be arrived at, as to the expense, and such an arrangement must prove a decided loss to the company.

The Electric Light was tried in Edinburgh but was abandoned as unsatisfactory & expensive.

I strongly advise the Right Worshipful the Mayor to pause for the present, and accept no offer however tempting, and grant no concessions to Agents or representatives of companies until a thoroughly well tested system,

System which can be depended upon exists, and unless care is taken the Council may be hampered with patents and royalties, and consequent annoyance, in all probability leading to litigation, without any satisfactory result, which may be avoided by adopting a system not yet fettered in this way.

The apparatus I have every faith in, particulars of which I expect, in the course of a few weeks, also some lamps for trial here, when I shall again communicate with you on the subject.

I may say there will be no masts, or other unightly obstructions, such as have been used in London, and other places, but, the lamps will be gracefully suspended so as not to cut off the light, as is the case with the poles or masts.

Tenders are now being called

called for the electric lighting
of the principal streets in
the City of London, and as
the best & cheapest light will
no doubt, be adopted, & will be
a guide for us here. the Edison
Lamp is very highly spoken
of, for this purpose.

I need scarcely add, that
I am carefully watching the
development, and progress, of
electric lighting, in Europe, and
shall lose no opportunity, of
keeping the Corporation fully
informed on the subject, as
opportunities offer.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. H. Preece

Superintendent of Telegraphs.