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S.A. RAIL STANDARDIZATION

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert
Menzies

Agreement which will allow an early start to be made on initial work on the Port Pirie/Broken Hill railway standardization was reached at a conference in Canberra today between the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies, the Premier of South Australia, Sir Thomas Playford and the Commonwealth Minister for Transport, Mr. Opperman.

In a statement after the meeting, the Prime Minister said that the Railways Commissioner for South Australia and the Commonwealth Railways Commissioner had already reached agreement on the standards of construction to be observed in the works.

The discussions today with Sir Thomas Playford had cleared the ground so that first steps could now be taken.

It had been agreed that construction work should be done under a series of contracts and it was hoped to call tenders for early contracts by the end of the current financial year.

CANBERRA,

2nd May, 1963.