

necting two or more provinces of the Dominion, or extending beyond the limits of any province, in, upon, under or across any gulf, bay or branch of any sea or any tidal water within the jurisdiction of Canada or the shore or bed thereof respectively ; provided that nothing in this section contained shall be construed to prohibit any existing telegraph company or association from continuing to receive and transmit messages over its line of marine telegraph, until such time as another company, under the authority and within the provisions of this Act, has constructed and is operating a line of marine telegraph which has been determined by the Governor in Council to afford reasonable facilities for the transmission of marine telegraph messages in lieu of the line or lines of such existing telegraph company or association, or to be a line for doing a business of a competitive nature."

The plain English of all this verbiage is that the section prohibits the Anglo-American Company unless it be hereafter authorized by an Act of the Parliament of Canada, or becomes incorporated under the next section, not only from constructing any new telegraphic wires or cables within the jurisdiction of the Dominion, but also from continuing to use its own cables between Newfoundland and the Dominion territory, one of which has been in operation for nearly twenty years. A more palpable or more deliberate act of confiscation was