
BILL.

An Act respecting the International Convention for the Preservation of Submarine Telegraph Cables.

WHEREAS on the fourteenth day of March, one thousand Preamble.
eight hundred and eighty-four, a Convention, in rela-
tion to the preservation of submarine telegraph cables, was
entered into by the several Powers in the said Convention
5 mentioned ; and whereas by the said Convention it is pro-
vided that the same shall not be applicable, among other
colonies and possessions of Her Majesty, to the Dominion of
Canada until the same has been acceded to and confirmed
by Canada ; and whereas it is expedient to make provision
10 for that purpose ; Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the
advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of
Canada, enacts as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as “ *The Submarine Telegraph* Short title.
Act, 1888.”

15 **2.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,— Interpreta-
tion.

(a.) The expression “ vessel ” means every description of “ Vessel.”
vessel used in navigation, in whatever way it is propelled ;
and every reference to a vessel includes a reference to any
boat belonging to such vessel ;

20 (b.) The expression “ master ” includes every person hav- “ Master.”
ing command or charge of a vessel ;

(c.) The expression “ Convention ” means the Convention “ Conven-
set forth in Schedule A to this Act. tion.”

3. The Convention of the fourteenth day of March, one Convention
25 thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, which is set forth ratified.
in the Schedule A to this Act, is hereby acceded to and con-
firmed, and subject to the provisions of this Act the articles
of the said Convention shall be of the like force and effect
as if they were herein enacted, in so far as it is competent for
30 the Parliament of Canada to enact the same.

4. Every person who unlawfully and wilfully, or by Penalty for
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cable.
culpable negligence, breaks or injures any submarine cable
to which the Convention for the time being applies, in such
manner as might interrupt or obstruct telegraphic com-
35 munication in whole or in part, is guilty of a misdemeanor ;
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