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## BILL.

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

WHEREAS on the fourteenth day of March, one thousand <sup>Preamble.</sup> eight hundred and eighty-four, a Convention, in relation to the preservation of submarine telegraph cables, was entered into by the several Powers in the said Convention <sup>5</sup> mentioned ; and whereas by the said Convention it is provided 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 <sup>10</sup> 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 Act, 1888.*" <sup>Short title.</sup>

**15 2.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,— <sup>Interpretation.</sup>

(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 having command or charge of a vessel ; <sup>"Master."</sup>

(c.) The expression "Convention" means the Convention <sup>"Convention."</sup> set forth in Schedule A to this Act.

**3.** The Convention of the fourteenth day of March, one <sup>Convention ratified.</sup> thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, which is set forth in the Schedule A to this Act, is hereby acceded to and confirmed, 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 <sup>25</sup> the Parliament of Canada to enact the same. <sup>30</sup>

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