

An Act to incorporate the Dominion Telegraph Company.

WHEREAS, the Dominion Telegraph Company, which has ^{Preamble.} been incorporated under the General Law relating to Electric Telegraph Companies, has prayed for a special Act of Incorporation with extended powers, and it is desirable to grant the same; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. The Honorable John McMurrich, the Honorable William Cayley, the Honorable John Hillyard Cameron, the Honorable Matthew Crooks Cameron, John Michie and their associates, and ^{Certain persons incorporated.} all other persons who are now or may hereafter become stockholders in the Dominion Telegraph Company are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Dominion Telegraph Company; and the head office of the said Company shall be in the City of Toronto in the Province of Ontario.

2. The said Company shall have power to establish, construct, purchase, lease or work any line or lines of Telegraph from and to any place or places in the Dominion of Canada, either by land or water, over which exclusive telegraph line rights do not now exist by any law of the Dominion or of any Province of the Dominion, and from and to any place or places without the Dominion of Canada, and to make connection with the line or lines of any telegraphic company in the United States of America or elsewhere, and to aid or advance money to build or work any such line in the said United States, and also to borrow such sum of money not exceeding the amount of the paid up capital of the Company, as the Directors shall deem necessary, and to issue bonds therefor which shall be a first charge upon the whole lines, works and plant of the Company, in such sums and at such rate of interest, and payable at such times, as the Directors shall determine, for the purpose of carrying out any of the objects or purposes of this Act. ^{Company may construct lines of telegraph.}

3. The said Dominion Telegraph Company, incorporated under the General Law relating to Electric Telegraph Companies, is hereby merged in and declared to be The Dominion Telegraph Company incorporated by this Act, and all the properties, rights, credits, debts, and liabilities belonging or attached to the said first mentioned Company or any shareholder thereof, are hereby declared to belong and be attached to the said Dominion Telegraph Company, incorporated by this Act; and to every such shareholder of the said last mentioned Company. ^{Existing Company merged in Company hereby created.}

4. The said Company may lay down, erect and maintain its line or lines of Telegraph along the sides of and across any public highways, bridges, water-courses or other such places, or under any navigable waters either wholly in Canada or dividing Canada from any other country, provided the said Company shall not interfere with the public right of travelling thereon, and may enter upon any lands or places, and survey, set off and take such ^{Powers for constructing the line.}