

association of persons hereafter authorized by any special or general Act of the Parliament of Canada, or under the provisions of this Act, to construct or maintain telegraphic wires or cables, 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, so as to connect any province with any other province of the Dominion, or to extend beyond the limits of any province. (2) To every company authorized to construct or maintain such telegraphs before the passing of this Act by any such special or general Act of the Parliament of Canada, or by any other special Act or Charter of any of the provinces constituting the Dominion, and at the time of the passing of this Act in force in Canada."

Next follow a dozen sections which determine in what manner and on what conditions companies may acquire the right to land and construct works in or near the shore for Submarine Cables, and also provides for the transmission of newspaper telegrams and Government messages, &c.

Then comes the 14th section, to which the careful attention of the reader is invited:—

"No company or association of persons other than those mentioned in the first section of this Act, or which becomes incorporated in Canada under the next following section shall maintain, construct or use any telegraph wire or cable con-