

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 telegraphic messages in lieu of the line or lines of such existing telegraph company or association, or to be a line for doing business over a route of a competitive nature.

15. In case any Company is now or shall hereafter be authorized by any special Act of the Parliament of Great Britain, or incorporated under the Imperial Joint Stock Companies' Act, or any other general Act of the Imperial Parliament or by Royal Charter, for establishing or maintaining telegraphic communication in, upon, under or across any gulf, bay, or branch of any sea or tidal water within the jurisdiction of Canada, the Governor in Council may by letters patent under the Great Seal of Canada, and upon the terms and conditions to be contained therein, grant a charter to the persons forming such Company, upon the Company petitioning therefor, and such persons and others who may become shareholders in the Company shall be constituted a body corporate and politic by the same name, and with the same power and constitution in Canada, for the said purpose and object of establishing and maintaining their said telegraph and works within the jurisdiction of Canada, but any such grant shall be expressly subject to this Act, and conditional upon the Company doing, observing, and performing the several provisions thereof, and such Letters-Patent being published in "The Canada Gazette" with any Order or Orders in Council relating to the said Letters-Patent, shall have the like force and effect, as if the Company had been incorporated by special Act of Parliament, but no such Letters-Patent or grant of corporate powers to be exercised within the jurisdiction of Canada shall be made to or conferred upon any Company or association which possesses any exclusive privilege of landing wire or cable for a marine telegraph in or upon the coast of any State, Province, or country in America, Europe, or elsewhere, unless an equal or reciprocal right or privilege of landing wire or cable, and establishing a marine telegraph upon the same coast is conceded to any and each of the Companies in the first section of this Act mentioned, or which may become incorporated in Canada under the provisions of this section of this Act, so that any Company incorporated or to be incorporated in Canada, may enjoy the same advantages in maintaining its marine telegraph line in and upon the same coast as the said Company which may possess such exclusive privilege.

16. In case any Company heretofore incorporated by any special Act of the Parliament of Canada, has acquired any exclusive privileges of landing wire or cable for a marine telegraph upon the coast of any other country, such Company shall be entitled to exercise and enjoy any such existing privilege, unimpaired by this Act; but no Company heretofore incorporated by any such special Act, shall acquire any further or additional exclusive privileges of landing wire or cable as aforesaid.

17. The Parliament of Canada may at any time amend, vary, or repeal any of the provisions of this Act.

The above is a true copy of the Bill passed by the Senate and House of Commons of Canada and reserved for the signification of the Queen's pleasure thereon, on Tuesday the 26th day of May, 1874.

(Signed)

ROBERT LE MOINE, C.P.

Ottawa, June 2, 1874.

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*Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council, approved by his Excellency the Governor-General, on the 4th day of June, 1874.*

THE Committee of the Privy Council have the honour to report—

That at the last Session of the Parliament of Canada a Bill was passed by both Houses entitled "An Act to regulate the construction and maintenance of Marine Electric Telegraphs," which, in accordance with paragraph 7 of the Royal Instructions was, upon the advice of the Minister of Justice, reserved by his Excellency the Governor-General for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure : and that the Minister