

## SCHEDULE A.

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agreement.

THIS AGREEMENT, made the first day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, between Sir Hugh Allan, of the City of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, in the Dominion of Canada, Ship-owner, and the Honorable Alexander Campbell, Postmaster-General of the said Dominion, witnesseth that:—

1. The said Sir Hugh Allan doth hereby promise and engage, and bind and oblige himself, his heirs and assigns, to establish, maintain and keep up a regular line of large and powerful steamers to ply between the Port of Liverpool and the Port of Quebec, or Montreal, once in every seven days during the season of and for the navigation of the River St. Lawrence, and between the ports of Liverpool and Portland once also in every seven days during the winter, subject to the modifications to ports of call which may be required under subsequent clauses.

2. That the said steamers shall be first-class vessels, and the line shall consist of the *Austrian*, *Hibernian*, *Moravian*, *Peruvian*, *Nestorian*, *Prussian*, *Polynesian*, *Sarmatian*, *Scandinavian*, *Nova Scotian* and *Circassian*, and such other vessels as may be subsequently built or purchased; but no steamer thus built or purchased is to be of less size or power than the *Hibernian*.

3. That the said Sir Hugh Allan agrees to perform the service to and from Liverpool, and to and from Quebec or Montreal, during the St. Lawrence navigation, until its close, every year, and to make at least twenty-six trips from Liverpool to Quebec, or Montreal, during the St. Lawrence navigation, and at least twenty-six trips from Quebec, or Montreal, to Liverpool during the said time: and the communication between Liverpool and Portland shall commence each year at the time of the close of the navigation of the River St. Lawrence, and shall continue until the opening thereof; and during that time the said Sir Hugh Allan shall be bound to make weekly trips from Liverpool to Portland, and weekly trips from Portland to Liverpool, so that during each year there shall be provided a weekly service of fifty-two voyages, both to and from America; the said contractor hereby binding himself to call with each of the said steamers, and receive and land the mails at Londonderry, or such other port in Ireland, as may be from time to time decided upon by the Postmaster-General of Canada.

4. That one of the said steamers shall leave Liverpool, and one shall leave Quebec or Montreal once every seven days during the St. Lawrence navigation season, and that one shall leave Liverpool and Portland respectively, also once every seven days during the time when the navigation shall be closed on the River St. Lawrence in the winter.