



ANNO UNDECIMO
VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

CAP. XV.

An Act to incorporate "The Western Telegraph Company."

[23d March, 1848.]

WHEREAS the Honorable Malcolm Cameron, the Honorable Francis Hincks, John Wilson, and William Buel Richards, and other inhabitants of this Province, having associated themselves together, have constructed an Electro-Magnetic Telegraph extending from the City of Hamilton to London, through Dundas, Brantford, Woodstock and London, and intend to continue the Telegraph to the Western boundary of the Province, at or near the South end of Lake Huron, and have petitioned to be incorporated for the purposes of this Act, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of their Petition: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the said Malcolm Cameron, Francis Hincks, John Wilson and William Buel Richards, together with all and such persons as shall become Stockholders of the Company hereinafter mentioned, shall be, and are hereby constituted a Body Corporate and Politic by the name of *The Western Telegraph Company*, and by that name they and their successors shall and may have continued succession, and may contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in all Courts and places whatsoever, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, matters and causes whatsoever; and that they and their successors may and shall have a Common Seal, and may change and alter the same at their will and pleasure, and also that they and their successors shall be in law capable of purchasing, having and holding to them and their successors any estate, real and personal or mixed, to and for the use of the said Company, and of letting, conveying or otherwise departing therewith for the benefit and on account of the said Company from time to time as they shall deem necessary or expedient: Provided always, that the real estate to be held by the said Company shall be only such as may be necessary for the purpose of building, using and preserving the said Electro-Magnetic Telegraph, and for objects immediately connected therewith.

Preamble.

Company incorporated.

Corporate name and powers.

Common Seal.

Property.

Proviso as to real property.

II. And be it enacted, That the stock, property, rights and claims of the said Association, shall from and after the passing of this Act, be vested in the said Corporation, and

Property and liabilities of the present Association.