

duly certified by the Secretary of the Province, may be used as evidence in all Courts and places for and against such Association.

Corporate powers.

IV. Such Association shall have power to purchase, receive and hold, and convey such real estate and such only, as may be necessary for the convenient transaction of the business and for the effectually carrying on the operations of such Association, and may appoint such Directors, Officers and Agents, and make such prudential Rules, Regulations and By-laws, as may be necessary in the transaction of its business, not inconsistent with the laws of this Province. 5

Powers for the construction of the line.

V. Such Association is authorized to construct the lines of Telegraph designated in its Certificate along any and upon any of the public roads and highways, or across any of the waters within this Province, by the erection of the necessary fixtures, including posts, piers or abutments, for sustaining the cords or wires of such lines, provided the same shall not be so constructed as to incommode the public use of such roads or highways, or injuriously interrupt the navigation of such waters, and also upon any lands purchased by the Association, or the right to carry their line over which shall have been conceded to them by the parties having a right to make such concession, nor shall any thing herein contained be construed to confer on any such Association the right of building a bridge over any navigable water. 15 20 25

Penalty for injuring Telegraph or works.

VI. Any person who shall wilfully and maliciously injure, molest or destroy any of the said lines, posts, piers or abutments, or the material or property belonging thereto, or in any way disturb the working of the said Lines of Telegraph shall on conviction thereof, be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and be so punished by a fine not exceeding , or imprisonment not exceeding or both, at the discretion of the Court before which the conviction shall be had.

Increase of capital, &c., may be provided for.

VII. It shall be lawful for any Association of persons, incorporated under this Act, by their Articles of Association, to provide for an increase of their capital and of the number of their associates. 40

Amount of debts limited.

VIII. It shall not be lawful for any Association under this Act to contract debts exceeding one half of the amount of the Capital Stock of such Association; and all evidences of debt issued by such Association shall be issued and signed by the President and Treasurer thereof.

Existing Companies may avail themselves of this Act.

IX. Any Telegraph Association or Company now organized, may become incorporated under this Act, on filing in the office of the Secretary of the Province, a Certificate authorized by a resolution of its Board of Directors, signed and certified by the 45