

chattels to satisfy such Warrants, every such offender shall be committed to Gaol by such Justice or Justices for a period not exceeding one hundred days : and if any person shall wilfully or maliciously obstruct or damage any such telegraph line, works, buildings, machinery or other property connected therewith, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year, and by a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds : And every operator, agent or servant of the said Company, employed in the transmission or delivery of intelligence or messages, shall, before he enters on the duties of his office, make oath before a Judge or Justice of the Peace, that he will not wilfully divulge the contents of any message transmitted by said Company, or left with any of its operators, agents or servants for transmission or delivery : and every person violating the said oath shall be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished by imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year, and by a fine not exceeding five hundred pounds.

Duty and liabilities of operators.

*Wires, &c., free of duty. Clause to be proposed in Committee.*

XII. *All wires, insulators and materials required for constructing, repairing or working the line or lines of Telegraph of the said Company, shall and may be imported into this Province free of duty.*

Public Act.

XIII. This Act shall be deemed and taken to be a public Act, and shall be judicially noticed as such, without being specially pleaded.