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## An Act to incorporate the Transmundane Telegraph Company.

**W**HEREAS it is desirable that a line of telegraphic communication should be established from this Province westward by way of the Aleutian Islands or Behring's Straits through Northern Asia to Europe, with branches extending to the great centres of commerce in the East Indies, Australia, China and Japan; and whereas Sir George Simpson, the Honorable Lewis T. Drummond, the Honorable John Young, and the Honorable Luther H. Holton have presented a petition praying to be incorporated for the purpose of constructing the first link in the said line; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

*Preamble.*

10 I. The said Sir George Simpson, the Honorable Louis T. Drummond, the Honorable John Ross, the Honorable John Young, the Honorable Amable A. Dorion, the Honorable Luther H. Holton, and Peter McD. Collins, Esquire, together with all such persons as shall become stockholders of the Company hereinafter mentioned, shall be and are  
 15 hereby constituted a body corporate and politic under the name of the "Transmundane Telegraph Company," and as such shall have perpetual succession, may have a common seal and change the same at their pleasure, may contract or be contracted with, may sue or be sued, may acquire, sell or otherwise dispose of any property, real,  
 20 personal or mixed, and shall hold, possess and enjoy all the powers and privileges common to all corporate bodies.

*Certain persons incorporated.*  
  
*Corporate name and powers.*

II. The said Company shall have full power and authority to construct, maintain and keep up an Electric Telegraph line from the westernmost station of electric telegraph communication established in  
 25 this Province, or from any point of connection with any Electric Telegraph line then established at the time when the said Company shall commence its operations in any one of the United States of America, or from both points to the western limits of this Province, and thence (with the permission of the Hudson's Bay Company or the  
 30 Government of Great Britain, or the Government of British Columbia) by way of Fraser River along the coast of the Pacific Ocean to the Russian Possessions in North America, together with such lateral lines or branches as the said Company may deem it advantageous to construct.

*Company may construct a telegraph line across the Continent of North America.*

35 III. The said Company shall also have power and authority to purchase or lease for any term of years any telegraphic line established or to be established either in this Province or in the Territory of the Hudson's Bay Company or in any other British Possession, or in the territory or territories of any foreign power or State connecting or  
 amalgamate with other Companies.

*Power to purchase or lease other lines, and to amalgamate with other Companies.*