

1. The third section of the Act passed in the thirty third year of Her Majesty's reign, and intituled "*An Act for better ensuring the efficiency of the Civil Service of Canada, by providing for the Superannuation of persons employed therein, in certain cases,*" is hereby amended by substituting the words "two per cent." for the words "four per cent.," and the words "one and a quarter per cent.," for the words "two and a half per cent.," where they occur in the said section. S. 3 of 33 V.,
c. 4 amended.

2. The fourth section of the said Act is hereby amended by substituting for the words "a diminution of one twentieth," the words "a diminution of one per cent.,"—and by inserting, at the end of the said section, the words, "and except also, that the superannuation allowance of any person hereafter retiring, shall not be subject to any such diminution by reason of his not having paid the abatement hereinbefore mentioned, during any year or years after his first thirty-five years of service." Section 4
amended.

CHAP: 33,

An Act respecting the Ocean Mail Service.

[Assented to 23rd May, 1873.]

WHEREAS under the authority of an Order in Council dated the twenty-eighth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, a provisional contract (a copy whereof is hereunto attached and marked as schedule A) has been entered into by and between Sir Hugh Allan, of the first part, and the Postmaster General of this Dominion, of the second part, for a weekly line of Ocean Mail Steamers, on certain terms and subject to certain conditions therein set forth; and whereas the said agreement is subject to a proviso that the same is to go into effect, if sanctioned and authorized by the Parliament of Canada at the then next session thereof, and not otherwise; and whereas it is expedient to sanction and confirm the said agreement save as it is hereinafter modified: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:— Preamble.
Recital of contract.

1. The said contract and all the matters and things therein contained are hereby sanctioned and confirmed, and declared to be effectual to all intents and purposes: Provided that the said Sir Hugh Allan shall within two months after the passing of this Act agree with the Postmaster General that he the said Postmaster General shall have the power to void the said contract at any time by giving the said Sir Hugh Allan twelve months previous notice of the intention of the Postmaster General to do so. Contract confirmed.

SCHEDULE