

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.

Proviso as to real property.

Property and liabilities transferred.

**2.** 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 the liabilities of the said Association shall be the liabilities of the said Corporation.

Power given to maintain present works.

**3.** And be it enacted, that the said Company shall have full power and authority to maintain and keep up that part of the said Electro-Magnetic Telegraph already erected, and built by them in such manner and in such places as the same has been and now is constructed, and to complete the same from the said City of Toronto to the said City of Quebec, and in making or maintaining and repairing the same, to take down, remove, replace, renew, and re-erect the same in any other part of the public roads and highways of the several Districts, Cities, Towns and Villages between the said City of Toronto and the said City of Quebec, through which the same is carried, to cut down and remove all trees which may obstruct or interfere with the erection or efficient working of the same, also to cross the line on all bridges and over all rivers; Provided always, that the full and perfect use and enjoyment by the public of the roads and highways over which the same may pass be in no ways infringed or impeded by the works of the said Company, and that the navigation be not hindered; and that no further or other posts or erections shall be put or placed in and upon such roads or highways except under the direction of the Commissioners of Public Works or their officers.

To alter and renew them.  
To cut down trees that interfere.  
To cross over bridges and rivers.

Provided the Public be not incommoded or navigation hindered.

And subject to the control of the Commissioners of Public Works.

Penalties for malicious mischief to telegraph or works.

**4.** And be it enacted, that if any person or persons shall wilfully or maliciously break, throw down or destroy any wire, post, erection, machine, device or work now erected, belonging to the said Company, or to be erected or made by virtue of this Act, to the prejudice of the said Company, or do any other wilful act, hurt or mischief to disturb, hinder or prevent the carrying into execution, supporting or maintaining of any of the works connected with the said Electro-Magnetic Telegraph, every such person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay to the said Company treble the value of the damage proved by the oath of two or more credible witnesses to have been done, such damages together