

- continent of North America and Europe by way of Newfoundland and Ireland and Great Britain or any other island or place in the Atlantic Ocean or in Europe or North America, and to construct, purchase, lease and work any Telegraph line or lines or means of communication in this Province, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and the United States, and in the waters adjacent to or between the said Islands, Provinces or States, provided always that such consent as may be necessary shall be first obtained from the Governments or Legislatures of the said Provinces or States respectively: and generally to purchase, lease, hire and work any line of Telegraph which may now or hereafter be constructed by any person or persons or Body or Bodies politic or corporate, in the United States or British possessions in North America or in Europe, and to use the same for the transmission of messages and intelligence; and also to construct, purchase, hire or use any steam or other vessels to aid in the acquisition or transmission of intelligence between America and Europe, or in carrying on any of the operations of the said Company.
- 20 VIII. That the said Company shall be at liberty to construct any line or lines of telegraph through any part of the public lands of this Province, first obtaining the authority of the Governor in Council to that effect, and with such consent to take therefrom, use and employ any stone, wood, timber and materials that may be necessary for their purposes, free of expense or charge.
- IX. The Directors of the said Company may from time to time authorise and direct the issue of Bonds or Debentures of the said Company for such sums in pounds sterling, and to such amount in the aggregate as they may deem expedient, and negotiate, sell and dispose of the same for the purposes and uses of the said Company.
- X. The Government of this Province shall at all times have a preference over all persons of transmitting messages upon the line of telegraph belonging to this Company, and the rates of charge therefore shall not exceed the charges made to private individuals: and the said Company shall at all times transmit the messages of private parties without preference.
- XI. Any person wilfully interrupting the free use by the said Company, of any telegraph line established by it or any works connected therewith, shall be subject to a penalty of not less than ten pounds, nor more than , to be recovered by any party informing and suing for the same, in a summary way before one or more Justices of the Peace; and to be levied by a Warrant of distress and sale of the offenders goods and chattels; one-half of such penalty to go to the party suing and the other half to be paid into the Treasury of this Province for the use thereof: and in default of goods and
- Company may establish, or lease and use.
- May hold and use Steamers.
- Power to use public lands with consent of the Governor.
- Directors may issue Debentures.
- Government to have preference for messages.
- Charges.
- Penalty on persons wilfully interrupting the free use of the Company's Telegraphs, and how enforced.