

ously in any way obstructs, disturbs or impedes the action, operation or working of any such line of telegraph, shall, on conviction thereof, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be punished by a fine not exceeding forty dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding one month, or both, at the discretion of the court before which the conviction is had.

**22.** The jurisdiction over all offences against this Act shall be in any justice of the peace in any parish, village, city, town or county where the offence has been committed, or in which the offender may be found, and the proceedings thereon shall be summary. Jurisdiction of justices of the Peace.

**23.** The fine imposed, may, if not forthwith paid, be levied, with all costs of the prosecution, by warrant of distress against, and by sale of the goods and chattels of the offender; or such offender may, (in the discretion of the magistrate) whether imprisonment be or be not part of the sentence, be imprisoned for a period not exceeding thirty days in addition to and after the expiration of any other imprisonment making part of his sentence, unless such fine and all expenses incurred in the prosecution be sooner paid; and all such fines, when collected, shall belong to the party aggrieved by and complaining of the offence, and be paid over to such party. How penalties shall be enforced if not paid.

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### CHAP. 22.

An Act respecting malicious injuries to property.

*The following sections of the Dominion Act 32-33 Vict., chap. 22, respecting malicious injuries to property, apply to the works and property of the Montreal Telegraph Company, among others, as do also any provisions of the said Act, or of the law, for giving effect to the provisions of the said sections.*

**44.** Whosoever unlawfully and maliciously cuts, breaks, throws down, destroys, injures or removes, any battery, machinery, wire, cable, post, or other matter or thing whatsoever, being part of or being used or employed in or about any electric or magnetic telegraph, or in the working thereof, or unlawfully and maliciously prevents or obstructs in any manner whatsoever, the sending, conveyance or delivery of any communication by any such telegraph, is guilty of a Injuring electric or magnetic telegraphs.