

An Act to grant additional aid to the Canadian Line of Steamers, and for the extension of the line of Telegraph to Belle-Isle.

WHEREAS, in order to enable the proprietors of the Canadian Line of Steamships to provide additional vessels of greater power and size, and of a better class, than those hitherto employed, and to perform more surely the services required of them in the maintenance of a Weekly Line of postal communication between this Province and the United Kingdom, it is expedient to authorize the application of a further sum as an aid to the said proprietors for the purposes aforesaid; Therefore, Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:—

Preamble.

I. The Governor in Council may agree with the proprietors of the said Canadian Line of Steamships, that any contract now subsisting between them and the Provincial Government shall be cancelled from the first day of May now last, and may authorize the Post Master General of this Province, in Her Majesty's name to enter in a new contract with the said proprietors, to commence from the said first day of May last, and to end on the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, and by such contract to agree to pay to the said proprietors a sum not exceeding eight thousand dollars, for each voyage performed by their steamships between this Province, or the City of Portland, and the United Kingdom, and for the performance of such further services, and subject to such terms and conditions as the Governor in Council may direct.

A new contract may be made with, and additional aid granted to the Canadian line of Steamships.

II. And whereas it is expedient to grant Provincial aid towards the continuation of the Line of Telegraph from Father Point to the Straits of Belle-Isle: therefore, the Governor in Council may authorize the said Postmaster General to contract, in Her Majesty's name, with The Montreal Telegraph Company for the continuation of the Line of Electro-Magnetic Telegraph from Father Point to the Straits of Belle-Isle, and for the performance of such further services, and subject to such terms and conditions as the Governor in Council may direct; and in consideration thereof, to agree to pay to the said Company such sum, not exceeding the rate of ten thousand dollars per annum, for such term not extending beyond the said first day of January, 1867, as may be found expedient.

Aid may be granted for extending the line of Telegraph to Belle Isle.

III. The sums payable under any contract made under the authority of this Act, may be paid out of any unappropriated monies forming part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province, and shall be accounted for to Her Majesty and Her Legislature in the manner by law provided: But no further sum shall be payable after the first day of May next, under the Act Sixteenth Victoria, Chapter nine; or the Act twentieth Victoria, Chapter nine, relating respectively to the the said Postal communication by Steam Vessels between this Province and the United Kingdom.

Payment of monies required for the purposes of this Act.