

Punishment.

places any obstruction whatever on any such rail or Railroad track or bridge, or does or causes to be done any act whatever whereby any engine, machine or structure, or any matter or thing appertaining thereto is stopped, obstructed, impaired, weakened, injured or destroyed, with intent thereby to injure any person or property passing over or along such Railroad, and if in consequence thereof any person be killed or his life be lost, such person so offending shall be guilty of manslaughter, and being found guilty, shall be punished by imprisonment in the Penitentiary for any period not more than ten nor less than four years. 16 V. c. 169, s. 2.

Committing any injury, stoppage, &c., to be a misdemeanor.

154. If any person wilfully and maliciously does or causes to be done, any act whatever whereby any building, fence, construction or work of any Railroad, or any engine, machine or structure of any Railroad, or any matter or thing appertaining to the same is stopped, obstructed, impaired, weakened, injured or destroyed, the person so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be punished by imprisonment with hard labor not exceeding one year, in the Common Gaol of the Territorial Division in which the offence was committed or has been tried. 16 V. c. 169, s. 3.

Punishment of persons obstructing Inspectors in the execution of their duty.

155. Every person wilfully obstructing any Railway Inspector in the execution of his duty shall, on conviction before a Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction in the place where the offence has been committed, forfeit and pay for every such offence any sum not exceeding forty dollars, and in default of payment of any penalty so adjudged, immediately, or within such time as the said Justice of the Peace appoints, the same Justice, or any other Justice having jurisdiction in the place where the offender resides, may commit the offender to prison for any period not exceeding three months; but such commitment shall be determined on payment of the amount of the penalty; and every such penalty shall be returned to the next ensuing Court of Quarter Sessions in the usual manner. 20 V. c. 12, s. 3.

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C A P. L X V I I.**An Act respecting Electric Telegraph Companies.**

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

EXTRACTS.**Associations may be formed.**

1. Any number of persons, not less than three, may associate for the purpose of constructing a line or lines of Electric Telegraph, with branches leading to and from the same, from and to any point in this Province, upon the terms and conditions,