

An Act to amend the Acts incorporating the Montreal Telegraph Company, and to extend the powers of the said Company, and to authorize the establishment of a Transatlantic line of Telegraph by the said Company.

WHEREAS the Montreal Telegraph Company was constituted a body corporate and politic by the name aforesaid, in and by the provisions of an Act passed in the 10th and 11th years of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled, "*An Act to incorporate the Montreal Telegraph Company*;" And whereas by the Act passed in the 18th year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Montreal Telegraph Company*," the powers of the said Company were extended and certain facilities granted to the said Company, and inasmuch as the operations of the said Company have been beneficial to the province: and the said Company is desirous and willing greatly to extend the facilities for telegraphic intercourse enjoyed by the people of Canada, not only between themselves, but also to afford the means of such communication with Britain, and in order to do so have by their petition prayed, that increased powers may be granted to them; And whereas it is expedient to accede to their prayer and enable them to accomplish the endsought to be obtained: Therefore, Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. The said Company may, in addition to the present lines of the Company and the extensions, continuations and branches thereof, made or to be made in pursuance of the said Acts, establish, construct, purchase, hire, keep in order and work any line or lines of magnetic, electric or other telegraph or means of telegraphic communication in any part of the Province of Canada or places under its jurisdiction or between any two or more points therein, and any island, province, country or place in or near the Continent of America, or in or near the Continent of Europe or in the Atlantic Ocean.

II. The said Company may also establish, construct, purchase, hire, keep in order and work any line or lines of telegraph from or near the City of Quebec, either by land or water, following the bed of the River St. Lawrence or otherwise or by both or either of them, to the most easterly point of the Labrador Coast or to the Island of Belle Isle, and with power and right to touch and land, should a subaqueous and submarine route be adopted or be partly so, for the purposes and uses of the Company, or for the purposes of opening and maintaining stations thereof at all such point or points, place or places in any part of the Province of Canada, or places under its jurisdiction or between any two or more points therein, or between any point or points therein, and any island, province, country or place in or near the Continent of America, or in or