

free of tolls, of Her Majesty's naval or military or police force or militia, and of all artillery, ammunition, provisions or other stores for their use, and of policemen, constables, servants, and officers and others travelling on Her Majesty's service on the 5 said lakes, rivers and canals.

16. The Company shall also at all times when thereunto required by the Postmaster General of Canada carry Her Majesty's mails in through and over the said lakes, rivers and canals on such terms and conditions and under such regulations as the Governor in Council appoints and declares. Transport of H. M.'s mails.

17. Every person who obstructs, interrupts or impedes the navigation of the said lakes, rivers or canals or interferes with any of the works belonging thereto by the introduction of any timber or vessels or any other substance, or by any other means contrary to the provisions of this Act or of the by-laws of the Company, shall for each and every such offence incur a penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars, one half of which penalty shall go to the Company and the other half to Her Majesty. Penalty for interfering with works.

18. If any barge, boat, vessel, timber or substance of any kind, is sunk or grounded in any part of any of the said rivers, lakes or canals, or in any approach thereto, and if the master or owner thereof neglects or refuses to remove the same forthwith, the Company may forthwith proceed to have the same raised or removed, and may retain possession of the same until the charges and expenses necessarily incurred by the Company in so raising and removing the same are paid and satisfied, or the Company may sue for and recover in any Court of competent jurisdiction such charges and expenses from the master or owner thereof. Removal of obstructions.

19. If any action or suit is brought or commenced against any person or the Company for anything done in pursuance of this Act, or in the execution of the powers and authorities hereinbefore given or granted, such action or suit shall be brought or commenced within twelve calendar months next after the act committed, or in case there is a continuation of damage, then within twelve calendar months next after the doing or committing such damage ceases, and not otherwise. Time for commencing suit.

20. Her Majesty, may at any time assume the possession and property, works, improvements and erections of the Company on the said rivers, lakes and canals and works, and all the rights and privileges and advantages of the Company, all of which shall after such assumption be vested in Her Majesty, on giving to the Company one week's notice thereof and on paying to the Company the value of the same, to be fixed by three arbitrators or the majority of them, one to be chosen by the Government, another by the Company and a third arbitrator by the two arbitrators; and the arbitrators may in such valuation take into account the expenditure of Works may be taken over by Government.

Arbitration.