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## BILL.

An Act to regulate the construction of and protect from injury Electro-Magnetic Telegraphs throughout this Province.

**W**HEREAS the extension throughout this Province of Canada, of Electro-Magnetic lines of Telegraphic communication, will tend materially to the advantage of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects, and facilitate the transaction of business: And whereas it is expedient to encourage the enterprise of private individuals and associations in the construction of such lines of Telegraph, and to protect their property and interest therein more effectually than can be done under existing laws: And whereas the inhabitants of various parts of this Province, have severally petitioned for Acts of Incorporation, to enable them to construct such lines of Telegraph, and it is expedient, by a general law, to provide for them and all others hereafter desiring incorporation: Be it therefore enacted, &c.

Preamble.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful at any time hereafter, for any Association of individuals, or the majority thereof, who have united, or may unite, for the purpose of erecting or constructing Electro-Magnetic lines of Telegraph throughout this Province or any section thereof, having subscribed one half the cost of the intended route; and upon giving one month's previous notice thereof in all the newspapers published within the District or Districts, Town or Towns, or other places through which it is contemplated to carry the said line of Telegraph, (and in case of no newspaper being publish-

Certain formalities to be followed by Associations united for constructing Electric Telegraphs.