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

[Assented to 23rd April, 1860.]

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

Preamble.

1. 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 Postmaster General of this Province, in Her Majesty's name, to enter into 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; but no greater sum shall be paid to the said Proprietors for services already performed, than the amount of postage upon correspondence carried by the said Steamships, since the first day of May last, in addition to the subsidy provided for under the subsisting contract.

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

Proviso: as to past services.

2. 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 or any other Telegraph Company or persons, 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

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