

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland*, passed in the year 1856.

19 Victoria – Chapter 12

**An Act to amend the “Act for the Incorporation of the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company.” (Passed 12th May, 1856.)**

Whereas by an Act passed in the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled “An Act to Incorporate a Company under the style and title of the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company,” it was, among other matters therein contained, provided that the said Company should, within Two Years from the passing of the said Act, be bound to complete a good and traversable Bridle Road, Eight Feet wide, with Bridges, Eight Feet wide, along the Line of the said intended Telegraph between St. John’s and Cape Ray, and between St. John’s and Trepassy; and it is expedient that the said Act should be amended in these and certain other particulars:—

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, as follows:—

- I. The time for the completion of the said Roads and Bridges shall be extended to the last day of October, which will be in the year Eighteen Hundred and Fifty-Seven.
- II. It shall be competent for the said Company, in places in which the Governor and Council may consider the change to be necessary, and not detrimental to the Public Service, to substitute Flying or Floating Bridges or Ferries, sufficient for the Passage of Cattle and Carriages, for the Permanent Bridges required by the said Act: Provided that such Bridges and Ferries shall be constructed and maintained in such manner as the Governor in Council may consider efficient for the purposes for which they may be respectively designed.
- III. In case any Shareholder of, or a Subscriber to, the said Company, shall not pay the Instalments or Payments from time to time falling due on his Shares, pursuant to the provisions of the said recited Act, it shall be competent for the Directors, after One Month’s Written Notice to the Party in default, to Sell such Shares by Private Sale or Public Auction, and to pay so much of the Proceeds thereof as may be necessary, in discharge of the amount due on such Shares, and to pay the Surplus (if any) to the original Proprietor of said Shares.
- IV. The Governments of the British Colonies in America shall have the like privileges, with regard to the transmission of Messages on the said Line, as are provided in the said recited Act with respect to the Government of this Colony.