

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada*, passed in the year 1851. Quebec: Stewart  
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**An, Act for the establishment of a Line of Steam Vessels, between this Province and the United Kingdom. 10th November, 1852.**

Whereas it will tend greatly to advance the prosperity of the Province, that a Line of Steam Vessels should be established which should afford as frequent, direct and rapid communication between this Country and the United Kingdom, at all seasons, as circumstances will permit: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That it shall be lawful for the Governor of this Province, to cause to be paid and applied annually, and during a period of seven years, from the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, a sum not exceeding in any year nineteen thousand pounds, sterling, out of any unappropriated monies forming part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province, for the purpose of establishing a Line of Steam Vessels, to run once every fortnight each way between the Port of Liverpool, in England, and the Ports of Montreal and Quebec, in this Province, during such time in each year as the navigation of the River St. Lawrence shall be open, and once every month each way between the said Port of Liverpool and the Port of Halifax, in Nova Scotia, or the Port of Portland, in the State of Maine during the remainder of the year; the said service to be performed and the said monies expended in such manner and under such regulations as the Governor in Council shall deem best adapted to advance the interests of this Province.

II. And be it enacted, That the said Steam Vessels shall be exempt from all light dues, tonnage duties or provincial imposts on vessels navigating the River St. Lawrence.

III. And be it enacted, That the due application of the monies hereby appropriated shall be accounted for in the usual manner and form to the Parliament of this Province, and to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, in such manner and form as they shall be pleased to direct.