

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada*, passed in the year 1854. Quebec: Stewart Derbyshire and George Desbarts, 1854.

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**An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Montreal Telegraph Company. Assented to 19th May, 1856.**

Whereas the Montreal Telegraph Company have represented that doubts exist as to their right to hold real estate in certain cases for the general purposes of the Company and the accommodation of the Stations thereof; And whereas it is desirable and expedient to remove such doubts, and to grant other facilities to said Company: 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 intitled, *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, as follows:

I. For and notwithstanding any thing in the Act intitled, *An Act to incorporate the Montreal Telegraph Company* contained, it shall be lawful for the said Company and they shall have, power to purchase, receive, have and hold to them and their successors to and for the use of the Company, such real estate in this Province and such only, in addition to that now held by them, as may be necessary for the convenient transaction of the business of the Company, and for the erection of buildings for the suitable accommodation of the Stations thereof, in this Province, now or hereafter to be established and for the construction of the Line or Lines or branches thereof, and for the effectually carrying on the operations of such Company, and the same to let, convey, or otherwise depart with, for the benefit and on account of the Company, from time to time, as they shall deem expedient.

II. The said Company is authorized to construct and maintain such other Line or Lines, and such Branch Line or Lines of Telegraph Electric, or otherwise, from and to any point in this Province in addition to the present Lines of the Company and the extensions, continuations and branches thereof heretofore constructed, and which they have full, power and authority to maintain and keep up, as may be required, to meet the increase of business or as they may think desirable, along and upon any of the public, roads and highways of, or across any of the waters within, the Province, or with the consent of any Railway Company in this Province, along the line thereof, by the erection of the necessary fixtures, including posts, piers or abutments for sustaining the cords or wires of such Lines, provided the same shall not be so constructed as to incommode the public use of such roads or highways, or injuriously to interrupt the navigation of such waters, and also, upon any lands purchased by the Company or the right to-carry the Line over which shall have been conceded to them by the parties having a right to such concession, nor shall any thing herein contained be construed to confer on such Company the right of building a Bridge over any navigable water.

III. The said Company is further hereby authorized and empowered to purchase and acquire of any other Telegraph Company, Association or person, any line of Telegraph already constructed or hereafter to be constructed, and the same to hold, keep up and maintain, or to depart with or to lease any such line of Telegraph, and the same to maintain, and during the lease thereof to work for the profit of the Company. Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall authorize the said Company to purchase any parallel line of Telegraph, or to exempt the said Company from any restrictions imposed upon Telegraph lines under any general law of this Province.

IV. The hereinbefore cited Act shall apply to and comprehend such lines, extensions, continuations and branches as are hereinbefore mentioned and referred to, and the said Act and this Act shall, authorize the appointment by the Company of such officers and agents, and the making of such prudential Rules and Regulations and By-laws, as may be necessary for the construction or management and maintenance thereof: Provided the same shall not be inconsistent with the Laws of this Province.

V. This Act shall be a Public Act.