



## CHAPTER 65.

## An Act to amend the "Victoria and Esquimalt Telephone Company's Act, 1880." U A , 1888, No 77

[23rd April, 1892 ]

**W**HEREAS the Victoria and Esquimalt Telephone Company, Limited, Preamble.

have presented their petition, in which they pray that they may be authorized to erect and maintain telephone lines and poles in and throughout the City of Victoria and the Districts of Victoria and Esquimalt, and that the powers and privileges granted by their Act of Incorporation may be extended and remain in force for a period of twenty-five years, and that the said Company may be authorized to increase its capital stock, and for other purposes .

And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the petition .

Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the consent and advice of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows —

1. The said Company may construct, erect, operate and maintain a line or lines of telephone along the sides of, and across or under any highways, streets or public bridges, or any such places in and throughout the City of Victoria, and in and throughout the Districts of Victoria and Esquimalt, as the Company may from time to time determine, and the Company may, by its servants, agents or workmen, enter upon any highway, street, public bridge or any such place in the said City or in the said Districts, or either of them, for the purpose of erecting, operating and maintaining its line or lines of telephone along the sides of, or across or under the same, and may construct, lay down, erect and maintain such pipes, poles and other works and devices as the Company may deem necessary for making, completing, supporting, using, working and operating and maintaining the system of communication by telephone, and may

Power to enter upon  
certain highways and  
erect telephone lines

stretch wires therein or thereon, and from time to time break up and open any part or parts of said highways or streets; subject, however, to rules and regulations for the time being established by law and to the following provisions, that is to say:—

Travel not to be interfered with. (a.) The Company shall not interfere with the public right of travelling on or using such highways or streets.

Erection of poles, etc., in Victoria City subject to approval of Council. (b.) Within the limits of the City of Victoria, the erection of poles and stretching of wires and the breaking up and opening of streets for the carrying of wires underground, shall be subject to the approval of the Municipal Council.

Highways in Districts not to be opened without consent of Chief Commissioner. (c.) The Company shall not break up or open any part or parts of the highways in the said Districts, without first having obtained the consent of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Power to acquire and sell lauds, etc.; to purchase telephone lines, etc.; and to manufacture electrical apparatus, etc. 2. The Company may, for the purpose of this Act, purchase, acquire, or lease and hold, and may sell, dispose of, or surrender lands, buildings or tenements within the limits aforesaid, and may purchase or lease for any term of years, any telephone line established or to be established in British Columbia, connecting or to be connected with the lines which the Company is authorized to construct, or may purchase, or lease for any term of years, the right of any company to construct and maintain such telephone line, and may amalgamate with or lease its line or lines, or any portions thereof, to any company possessing, as proprietor, any line of telegraphic or telephonic communication connected or to be connected with the Company's line or lines; and the Company may enter into any arrangements with any company possessing, as proprietor, any line of telegraphic or telephonic communication, or of any power or right to use communication by means of the telephone, upon such terms and in such manner as the Board of Directors from time to time may deem expedient or advisable, or may become a shareholder in any such company; and may manufacture cables, wires and telephone instruments, and other electrical or magnetic apparatus or instruments connected therewith, and their appurtenances, and may acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise, the same and all rights relating thereto.

Power to increase capital stock. 3. The said Company may increase their capital from time to time to any amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, in shares of not less than one hundred dollars each.

Amends schedule. 4. The Schedule of the principal Act is hereby amended by striking out the words "including erection of wire," in the first line thereof.

Privileges granted to continue for 25 years. 5. The powers and privileges granted by the said principal Act, and by this Act, shall continue for a period of twenty-five years from the passage of this Act.

**6.** In this Act the expression "principal Act" means the Act passed in the forty-third year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to incorporate the Victoria and Esquimalt Telephone Company, Limited." The "Districts of Victoria and Esquimalt," shall mean the Victoria and Esquimalt Electoral Districts respectively, as the same are described in the "Constitution Amendment Act, 1891."

**7.** This Act may be cited as the “Victoria and Esquimalt Telephone Short title.  
Company’s Extension Act, 1892.”

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