



CHAPTER 63.

An Act to amend the "Vernon and Nelson Tele- 1891, c. 67.
phone Company Act, 1891."

[17th April, 1896.]

WHEREAS the Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company have by Preamble.
their petition prayed for an Act to amend their Act of incorporation so as to authorize them to construct telephone lines anywhere on the mainland of the Province of British Columbia, and to amend the Schedule of the said Act regulating the charges of the Company:

And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition:

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

1. In addition to the licence, powers and authorities conferred upon the Company by an Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of Her Majesty's reign, Chapter 67, intituled "An Act to incorporate the Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company," it shall be lawful for the Company to enter upon any lands of the Crown on the mainland of the Province of British Columbia, and upon, in, and below any highway, street and public bridge for the purposes of the Company, subject only to the limitations and restrictions contained in sub-section (a) of section 7 of the said Act; and provided always that the consent of the Council of any Municipality, when within such Municipality, and of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the time being of the Province of British Columbia, when the streets, roads and highways are not within a Municipality, respectively, shall be first had and obtained, who are hereby respectively authorized to grant such permission to the Company: Provided, however, that in the event of a Municipality

Powers of entry on Crown lands and highways, etc., for purposes of Company.

being created covering territory within which the Company have already erected poles and wires and are doing business, the rights of the Company and of the Municipality shall be governed only by subsection (b) of section 7 of the said Act.

Re-enacts s. 20.

2. Section 20 of the said Act is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in lieu thereof:—

Charges and collection thereof.

“20. The Company may by its by-laws fix, from time to time, a tariff of charges for the erection, connection, and use of its wires and telephones and the transmission of messages, not exceeding in respect of the matters therein mentioned the charges set forth in the Schedule hereto, and shall have full power to collect and sue for and recover the charges to which it becomes entitled.”

Amends Schedule.

3. The schedule to the said Act is hereby repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof, which shall apply to and be in force over all the lines operated, leased or controlled by the Company:—

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

Rent of telephone per month within the limits of incorporated towns and villages.....\$5 00
For every message for every person not being a monthly tenant, and not exceeding twenty-five words, within the limits of villages and incorporated cities 25
All deliveries within a radius of half a mile of the office 50
Beyond the above distances prevailing hack and livery rates or actual disbursements.
For all conversations not exceeding three minutes, calculated from the time the connection is completed, over all trunk lines at the rate of one cent per mile.

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