



CHAPTER 19

An Act to assure communication facilities for the benefit
of the population of the northeastern part of the
Province

[Assented to, the 12th of April, 1938]

WHEREAS it is in the public interest to establish and Preamble.
facilitate rapid communication between the princi-
pal centres of the county of Charlevoix-Saguenay and the
North Shore,

- a. on account of the isolation of the population of that county;
- b. to assure fishermen, farmers and settlers outlets for their products;
- c. to allow all parts of the county to derive every possible benefit from the development of our natural resources;

Whereas certain parts of the county of Charlevoix-Saguenay and of the North Shore have never been connected with the Province by a direct line of navigation and this situation should be immediately remedied;

Whereas it is urgent and in the interest of the population of these regions and of the Province generally to have reasonable means of communication;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The Government of the Province is authorized to pay during a period of ten years, to be computed from the 1st of July, 1938, to the *Compagnie de Navigation Charlevoix-Saguenay, Limitée*, an annual subsidy of eighteen thousand dollars to keep in operation, during the annual period of navigation, a transportation service for passengers and mer-
Granting of annual subsidy to certain navigation company.

chandise, every two hours between Tadoussac and Baie Ste. Catherine; as for the service between Baie St. Paul and Les Sept-Iles the timetable shall be fixed after agreement between the Minister of Colonization and the said company.

Item included in subsidy. The subsidy mentioned in this section includes the item voted in the budget submitted to the Legislative Assembly at this Session.

Conditional payment. The payment of such subsidy shall be subject to the accomplishment of all the conditions imposed under this act and of such other conditions as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may enact.

Labour, etc., conditions. **2.** The company mentioned in section 1 must, in the course of its operations, establish and maintain fair labour conditions and pay wages conformable to those established by the Provincial bodies having jurisdiction and under the supervision of the Minister of Colonization.

Crew. **3.** The crew employed on the boats to be put into service by such company, on the river St. Lawrence, must consist of seamen domiciled in the Province of Quebec.

Places of call. **4.** The places of call of such boats shall be designated by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council according to the needs of the population and requirements of economic activities.

Furnishing, etc., of tariff of cost of transportation. **5.** The company receiving a subsidy under this act must every year, at the opening of navigation, furnish to the Minister of Colonization, the tariff of the cost of transportation for passengers and merchandise, and such tariff, which may be amended by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, must be fair and reasonable.

Entering into certain contract authorized. **6.** The Minister of Colonization is authorized to enter into a contract with the company contemplated in section 1, for the payment of the subsidy provided for by this act, on such conditions as he may determine, and he may, from time to time, fix a special tariff for the transportation, on the boats of such company, of *bona fide* lumbermen, settlers and fishermen. Missionnaires shall be entitled to free transportation on such boats.

How subsidy paid. **7.** The subsidy contemplated under section 1 shall be paid, on the recommendation of the Minister of Colonization, out of the consolidated revenue fund.

8. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, however, enact the entire or part payment of such subsidies by means of loans for a period not exceeding fifteen years and bearing interest at rates not exceeding four per cent per annum. ^{Loans optional.}

9. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction. ^{Coming into force.}

