

Financial year. 5. The term "financial year" shall designate the period of time included between the first of July of one year, that day included therein, and the first day of the month of July in the following year, that last day not included.

40 Vic., c. 29,
not to apply. **256.** The town corporations general clauses act, 40 Victoria, chapter 29, shall not apply to the town of Longueuil.

Act in force. **257.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

CAP. LXXVI.

An Act to confer certain powers on the Bell Telephone Company of Canada.

[Assented to 30th June, 1881.]

Preamble. **W**HEREAS the Bell Telephone Company of Canada has, by its petition, represented that it was incorporated by an act of the Parliament of Canada, passed in the 43rd year of Her Majesty's Reign, Chapter 67, and certain powers were conferred on the said corporation by the said Act, and that doubts exist as to the power of the Parliament of Canada to confer such powers, and has prayed that the said powers be conferred on it by the Legislature of this Province, and whereas it is desirable to grant the prayer of the said petition;

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

Company recognized. **1.** The Company, incorporated by chapter 61, of the Statutes of Canada, passed in the forty third year of Her Majesty's reign, known by the name of "the Bell Telephone Company of Canada," is recognized as a corporation with all the rights powers and privileges incidental to corporations by the laws of this Province with its chief office at Montreal.

Company authorized to erect lines along street, &c. **2.** The Bell Telephone Company of Canada may construct, erect and maintain its line or lines of telephone along the sides of and across or under any public highways, streets, bridges, water-courses or other such places, provided the said company shall not interfere with the public right of travelling on or using such highways, streets, bridges or water-courses, and without doing any unnecessary damage nor preventing free access to any building erected in the vicinity; and provided that in cities, towns and incorporated villages, the company

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shall not erect any pole higher than forty feet above the surface of the street, nor affix any wire less than twenty-two feet above the surface of the street, nor carry more than one line of poles along any street, without the consent of the municipal council having jurisdiction over the streets of the said city, town or incorporated village, and that in any city, town or incorporated village, the poles shall be as nearly as possible straight and perpendicular, and shall in cities be painted, if so required by any by-law of the council; and, provided further that, where lines of telegraph or of telephone or for electric light are already constructed, no poles shall be erected by the company in any city, town or incorporated village along the same side of the street where such poles are already erected, unless with the consent of the council having jurisdiction over the streets of such city, town or incorporated village; Provided also, that in so doing the said company shall not cut down or mutilate any tree; and provided that in cities, towns and incorporated villages, the opening up of the street for the erection of poles or for carrying the wires under ground shall be done under the direction and supervision of the engineer or such other officer as the council may appoint, and in such manner as the council may direct, and that the poles shall be erected at such places as the council may also direct, and that the surface of the street shall, in all cases, be restored to its former condition, by and at the expense of the company: and provided further that whenever in case of fire it becomes necessary for its extinction or the preservation of property that the poles or telephone wires should be cut, the cutting under such circumstances of any of the poles or of the wires of the company, under the direction of the chief engineer or other officer in charge of the fire brigade, shall not entitle the company to demand or claim compensation for any damages that might be so incurred. And provided further that the company shall be responsible for all damages which it may cause to individuals in carrying out or maintaining any of its works.

3. This Act shall come into force on the day of its sanction and shall not, in any way, affect pending cases.

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pending cases.

CAP. LXXVII.

An Act to enable the Montreal Warehousing Company to issue preferential stock.

[Assented to 30th June, 1881.]

WHEREAS the Montreal Warehousing Company has, by its petition, prayed to be permitted to increase

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