

Safety on Railways.

Copy of Bill No. 2, as introduced by Mr. Casey.

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An Act further to secure the safety of railway employees and passengers.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. All cars fitted with air-brakes shall, within one year from the passing of this Act, be provided with an automatic device in the hose-coupling of such air-brakes, or in the train pipes, so arranged that, after the cars are coupled, the connection between such brakes and the air pump on the locomotive cannot be broken, or the coupling deranged, accidentally or otherwise, without the knowledge of the engineer. Cars fitted with air-brakes to be provided with certain device

2. All box freight cars built for use on Canadian railways, shall, after the passing of this Act, be of a uniform standard height, and of a capacity not to exceed sixty thousand pounds, to be approved by the Minister of Railways and Canals, and shall be provided with the following attachments for the security of railway employees:— Attachments for box freight cars.

(a) Outside ladders, on opposite sides of the ends of each car, projecting below the frame of the car and with one step or rung of the ladder below such frame, such ladders to be placed close to the end of the side to which they are attached;

(b) Arched iron rails, extending from the top of each ladder to a sufficient and firm support, placed at the side of the running board, and so arranged as to assist persons climbing on to the roof by means of such ladders.

2. All such attachments shall be subject to the approval of the Minister of Railways and Canals. Approval Minister.

3. Every such car already built, which is the property of Canadian railways for use in Canada, shall, within two years after the passing of this Act, be fitted with the foregoing attachments. As to ready built.

4. The penalty for building such cars not fitted in accordance with the provisions of this Act after the date herein mentioned, shall be twenty-five dollars for each car. Penalty.

5. The penalty for using any such car not fitted or handled in accordance with the provisions of this Act after the date herein provided, shall be five dollars a day for every day or trip lasting less than a day, during which it is so used. Penalty.

6. The Minister of Railways and Canals shall proceed against any railway company or car builder handling, using or building such cars contrary to the provisions of this Act, on the information of any credible person. Minister to prosecute.

7. Every employee of a railway company injured while in the discharge of his duty, shall, for every day during which he is thereby unfitted for duty, be entitled to compensation from the railway company at the rate of not less than sixty per cent of the current rate of wages for men similarly employed by the company, at the time the injury occurs, to be paid for not more than fifty-two weeks. Compensation if employee is injured.

2. Every such employee permanently disabled while in the discharge of his duty, shall be entitled to compensation from the railway company to the amount of not less than three thousand dollars. If permanently disabled.