

An Act respecting Railway Postal Service.

WHEREAS it is expedient that provision be made for the conveyance of the mails by Railways at a reasonable rate of charge to the Public: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

Preamble.

1. As respects all Railways already made or in progress or to be hereafter made in this Province, the Postmaster General, by notice in writing under his hand, delivered to the Railway Company, may require that the Mails and officers of the Post Office accompanying the Mails or otherwise, shall be conveyed and forwarded by any such Railway, either by the ordinary trains or by special trains, as he may desire, at such hours or times, in the day or night, as he may direct; and thereupon the said Company shall provide for the conveyance of such mails to the satisfaction of the Postmaster General, in the manner required by him, and shall receive, convey and deliver, by such ordinary or special trains, as the case may be, all such mails as shall for that purpose be tendered to them or any of their officers, servants or agents, by any person employed in the Provincial Post Office, and shall also receive and convey, in and upon the trains carrying such mails, any officers of the Post Office in charge thereof, or otherwise travelling on Post Office business, and shall receive, deliver and leave such mails and officers at such places, on the line of such Railway, subject to such reasonable regulations and restrictions as the Postmaster General shall, on that behalf, from time to time, order or direct; provided, always, that the rate of speed to be required in the case of special trains, shall not exceed the maximum rate of speed prescribed by the Directors of such Railway for First Class Passenger trains; and provided also that should the Postmaster General at any time require the daily running of a train or trains at different hours from those ordinarily run by the Railway Company at the time, he shall give seven days previous notice of such requirement.

Postmaster General may require any Railway Company to convey Mails, &c., by ordinary or special Trains, and at such times and hours as he may think proper.

Proviso, as to speed.

Proviso, for notice in case of special trains.

2. The Postmaster General may, upon giving notice in writing to any Railway Company, of his intention so to do, use any of the ordinary trains which may be running at the time of the delivery of such notice on their Railway for the purpose of sending thereby any mails, either with or without an officer or officers of the Post Office in charge thereof, and the Postmaster

He may require Mails to be conveyed by the Company's ordinary trains, and with or without an officer of the department.