

AN ACT

To Prevent Cruelty to Animals while in transit by Railway or Other means of conveyance within the Dominion of Canada.

[Assented to 8th April, 1875.]

Whereas the transportation of cattle, by railway or vessels for long distances without rest, food, or water, is liable to cause suffering from hunger, thirst and fatigue; and whereas it is expedient to make provisions for the regulation of the transportation or conveyance of live stock over the lines of railway, and by vessels, within the Dominion of Canada. Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. In this Act the term "cattle" shall include any horse, mule, ass, swine, sheep, or goat, as well as any neat cattle or animal of the bovine species, and whatever be the age or sex of the animal, and by whatever technical or trivial name it may be known, and shall apply to one animal as well as many.

2. No railway company within the Dominion of Canada, whose railway forms any part of a line of road over which cattle are conveyed from one Province to another Province, or from the United States to or through any Province, or from any part of a Province to another part of the same, nor the owner or master of any vessel carrying or transporting cattle, from one Province to another Province, or within any Province, or from the United States through or to any Province, shall confine the same in any car, or vessel of any description, for a longer period than twenty-eight consecutive hours, without unloading the same for rest, water and feeding for a period of at least five consecutive hours, unless prevented from so unloading and furnishing water and food by storm or other unavoidable cause, or by necessary delay or detention in the crossing of trains. In reckoning the period of confinement, the time during which the cattle have been confined without such rest and without the furnishing of food and water, or any connecting Railways or vessels from which they are received, whether in the United States or in Canada, shall be included—it being the intention of this Act to prevent their continuous confinement beyond a period of twenty-eight hours, except upon the contingencies hereinbefore stated.