

And whereas it is expedient to amend section thirty of the Railway Act; therefore, the words "three months after the end of the calendar year" are hereby struck out of said section thirty, and the words "three months after the first day of July in each year" are substituted for them; and the returns of capital, traffic, working expenditure and all other information to be furnished to the Minister of Railways and Canals shall be in the form contained in schedule One appended to this Act, which is hereby substituted for schedule One appended to the said Railway Act, schedule Two remaining in force for the weekly returns required by the said Act; and such returns shall be dated and signed by and attested upon the oath of the Secretary or some other chief officer, and of the President, or in his absence of the Vice-President or Manager of the company; and such returns shall be made for the period included from the date to which the then last yearly returns made by the same company extended, or from the commencement of the operation of the railway, if no such return has been made, to the last day of June in the then current year; and shall, in addition to the information contained in the schedule hereto, furnish such other information and returns as shall from time to time be required by the Governor in Council."

3. And whereas it is expedient to amend sub-section five of section fifteen of the Railway Act; therefore the said sub-section five is hereby repealed, except as to things done or offences committed before the passing of this Act, and the following substituted for it:—

"5. Every bridge or other erection or structure over or through or under which any railway to which this Act applies, passes, and every tunnel through which any such railway passes, existing at the time of the passing of this Act, of which the lower beams, members or portions of that part of such bridge, erection, structure or tunnel which is over the railway, are not of a sufficient height from the surface of the rails to admit of an open and clear headway of at least seven feet between the top of the highest freight cars used on the railway and the bottom of such lower beams, members or portions, shall, with suitable approaches thereto where necessary, be reconstructed or altered within twelve months from the passing of this Act so as to admit of an open and clear headway of at least seven feet between the top of the highest freight cars used on the railway and the bottom of such lower beams, members or portions, and shall at all times thereafter be so maintained as to admit of such open and clear headway of at least seven feet. Such bridges or other erections, structures or tunnels shall be reconstructed or altered at the cost of the company, municipality or other owner thereof as the case may be. The company before using higher freight cars than those used on the railway at the time of the passing of this Act, or of the reconstruction or alteration as aforesaid, of any such bridge or other erection, structure or tunnel as the case may be, shall, after having first obtained the consent of the municipality or of the owner of such bridge or other erection, structure or tunnel, reconstruct or alter such bridge or other erection, structure or tunnel, and the approaches thereto if necessary, so as to admit of an open and clear headway of not less than seven feet between the top of the highest freight cars used on the railway and the bottom of such lower beams, members and portions aforesaid. Provided always, that the Governor may, by Order in Council, exempt any bridge, erection, structure or tunnel now existing from the operation of this section.