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The present Concordance has been rendered necessary as a result of the Consolidation of the Statutes of Canada, whereby the whole system of arrangement of sections of *The Railway Act*, 1903, has been changed. All the numbers of the sections of that Act have been altered; many of them have been divided; others have been redrafted, transposed, or the form of expression somewhat varied or modified, and in some sections unnecessary words have been omitted and saving words introduced.

Following the Concordance, I have appended a memorandum showing the changes in the numbers of sections in the original Act, in order that persons who have had occasion to quote from that Act, or who have become familiar with the numbers of the sections as set down therein, may see at a glance the corresponding section or subsection in the Revised Act.

In the appendices will be found an amendment to the "Act to Regulate Commerce" of the United States (known as the Elkins Bill) adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives in June, 1906, which relates to or governs the interchange of traffic with adjacent foreign countries.

For convenience in making citations, a list is given of certain Acts in the Revised Statutes of Canada. 1906, which have a bearing on questions that come under the jurisdiction of the Board, or that affect directly or indirectly the construction and operation of railways, telegraph and telephone and power transmission lines.

Following the above are six diagrams which show the requirements of the Department of Railways and Canals as regards the Standard Clearance and Flooring of railway bridges; the Standard Loading for railway bridges; the Bending Moments and Deflection of Beams under various systems of loading; plans and sections of the smallest locks on each of the Canadian Canals, and a plan and dimensions of the Hydraulic Lift-Lock, Trent Canal; also the Requirements of the Department of Railways and Canals in respect of General Location or Route Maps; the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, and The Railway Act, Chapter 37.

The above introduction applies to the Third Edition. The present edition (Fourth) contains a Supplementary Concordance of