

An Act to aid in the settlement of Railway Labour Disputes.

WHEREAS from time to time differences may arise between Preamble.
 Railway Companies and their employees which the
 parties thereto failing to adjust, may result in lockouts and
 strikes; and whereas railway lockouts and strikes interfere
 5 with the proper and efficient transportation of mails, passen-
 gers and freight, interrupt the trade and commerce of the
 country, cause railways to fall into disrepair to the danger of
 the lives of passengers and employees, and in various other
 ways occasion serious injury both public and private; and
 10 whereas it is desirable to aid in the settlement of such differ-
 ences: Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and
 consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada,
 enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as *The Railway Labour Disputes* Short title.
 15 *Act, 1903.*

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,— Interpretation

(a.) The expression "Minister" means the Minister of "Minister."
 Labour;

(b.) The expression "Department" means the Department "Depart-
 20 of Labour; ment."

(c.) The expression "Railway" means any railway whether "Railway."
 operated by steam, electricity or other motive power, and
 whether under the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada
 or of the Legislature of any province;

25 (d.) The expression "Railway Employers" means any "Railway
 Company or Government owning or operating wholly or to a employers."
 lesser extent any railway operated by steam, electricity or other
 motive power, and whether under the jurisdiction of the Par-
 liament of Canada or of the Legislature of any province;

30 (e.) The expression "Railway Employee" means any person "Railway
 engaged to perform any work or service in respect of any employee."
 railway whether operated by steam, electricity, or other motive
 power, and whether under the jurisdiction of the Parliament
 of Canada or of the Legislature of any province;

35 (f.) The expression "difference" means any dispute, dis- "Difference."
 agreement or dissension which in the opinion of the Minister
 may have caused or may cause a lockout or strike on a rail-
 way or which has interfered or may interfere with the proper
 and efficient transportation of mails, passengers or freight, or
 40 the safety of persons employed upon any car or train;