

Copy of Bill No. 3, as amended in Committee of the Whole House.

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BILL.

[1897.

An Act to promote the safety of Railway Employees.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows :—

Air brakes on trains.

1. On and after the first day of January, 1900, it shall be unlawful for any railway company—

(a) To use any locomotive engine that is not equipped with an air brake in proper working order, or to run any train a sufficient number of the cars of which are not so equipped with an air brake that the engine driver on the locomotive can control its speed without requiring the assistance of the hand brakes ; or—

Automatic couplers.

(b) To use on its lines any locomotives or cars not equipped with automatic couplers in proper working order, so that such locomotives and cars can be coupled and uncoupled without it being necessary for men to go in between the ends of cars.

Qualifications of engine drivers and conductors.

2. On and after the passing of this Act, it shall be unlawful for any railway company to employ any person—

(a) As engine-driver, who has not been employed for at least three years as fireman on a locomotive engine ; or—

(b) As conductor, who has not been employed for at least three years as a brakeman.

Certificates of service.

3. All railway companies shall within two days from demand, furnish employees with a certificate, specifying the time and nature of service by such employees.

Penalty.

4. Any railway company violating any of the provisions of this Act, shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of not less than ten dollars for each offence, during each day that such offence continues.