

BILL No. 4.

An Act further to secure the safety of railway employees and passengers.

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

1. All cars fitted with air-brakes shall, within two years after it is made to appear to the Railway Committee of the Privy Council that a satisfactory device of this kind is in existence, be provided with an automatic device in the hose-coupling of such air-brakes, or in the train pipes, so arranged that, after the cars are coupled, the connection between such brakes and the air pump on the locomotive cannot be broken, or the coupling deranged, accidentally or otherwise, without the knowledge of the engineer.

*Cars fitted with air-brakes to be provided with certain device.*

2. All box freight cars built for use on Canadian railways after the passing of this Act, shall be of a uniform standard height of drawbar from the top of the rail, and shall be provided, for the security of railway employees, with outside and end ladders, on opposite corners of each car, projecting below the frame of the car and with one step or rung of the ladder below such frame.

*As to box freight cars.*

2. Such standard height and such ladders shall be subject to the approval of the Minister of Railways and Canals.

*Approval of Minister.*

3. Every person who—

(a.) after the expiration of the period of two years mentioned in section 1 of this Act builds any car fitted with air brakes which is not provided with an automatic device such as is required by that section, or

*Penalty for building car not in accordance with this Act.*

(a.) after the passing of this Act, builds for use on a Canadian railway a box freight car which does not comply in all respects with the requirements of section 2 of this Act;—

is guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to a penalty of not more than twenty-five dollars for each car so built.

4. Every railway company or person who—

(a.) after the expiration of the said period of two years uses any car fitted with air brakes and not provided with an automatic device such as is required by section 1 of this Act, or

*Penalty for using cars not in accordance with this Act.*