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Appointment of Committee of conciliation.

3. Whenever a difference exists between any railway employers and railway employees, and it appears to the Minister that the parties thereto are unable satisfactorily to adjust the same, and that by reason of such difference remaining unadjusted a railway lockout or strike has been or is likely to be 10 caused or the regular and safe transportation of mails, passengers or freight has been or may be interrupted or the safety of any person employed on a railway train or car has been or is likely to be endangered, the Minister may either on the application of any party to the difference, or on the application 16 of the corporation of any municipality directly affected by the difference, or of his own motion, cause inquiry to be made into the same and the cause thereof, and for that purpose may, under his hand and seal of office, establish a Committee of Conciliation, Mediation and Investigation to be composed of 20 three persons to be named, one by the railway employers, and one by the railway employees (parties to the difference), and the third by the two so named or by the parties to the difference in case they can agree. The Minister shall in writing notify each party to name a member of said committee stating 25 in such notice a time not being later than five days after the receipt of such notice within which this is to be done and if either party within such time or any extension thereof that the Minister, on cause shown, may grant, refuse or fail to name a member of said committee the Minister or the Lieu- 30 tenant Governor in Council, as the case may be, as hereinafter provided, may appoint one in the place of the party so refusing or in default, and if the members of said committee so chosen fail to select a third member the Minister, or the Lieutenant Governor in Council, as the case may be, may make such 35 selection.

Duty of committee.

4. It shall be the duty of the Conciliation Committee to endeavour by conciliation and mediation to assist in bringing about an amicable settlement of the difference to the satisfaction of both parties, and to report its proceedings to the Minister. 40

Board of arbitrators.

5. In case the Conciliation Committee is unable to effect an amicable settlement by conciliation or mediation, the Minister may refer the difference to arbitration under the provisions of this Act.

(a.) If acceptable to both parties, the Conciliation Committee 45 may act as a Board of Arbitrators.

(b.) In case of objection by either party to its representative on the Conciliation Committee acting as a member of the Board of Arbitrators, or to the chairman of said Conciliation Committee being a member of the Board of Arbitrators, new 50 representatives on the Board of Arbitrators shall be appointed, in place of the member or members of the Conciliation Committee objected to, in like manner as the original members of the Conciliation Committee were appointed.