

Safety on Railways.

Copy of Bill No. 3, as introduced by Mr. Maclean.

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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 :—

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 locomotive can control its speed without requiring the assistance of the hand brakes ; or—

(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.

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 five years as fireman on a locomotive engine ; or—

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

3. Any railway company violating any of the provisions of this Act, shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of not less than dollars nor more than dollars.