

Works, attaching thereto the seal of the office, which seal shall be held to be proof of the validity of the document produced.

VII. This Act shall take immediate effect, and the first section shall apply to Railways in the course of construction as well as those already constructed; and the parties, companies, or corporate bodies, who shall fail to comply with the provisions of this Act, upon receiving a copy of the same from the Board of Commissioners, shall be subject to all the proceedings, restraints and penalties by this Act provided.

Act to apply to Railways now in course of construction.

VIII. In case of any accident occurring on any Railway, and it shall appear by an inquest or special investigation that such accident was the result of any negligence of said Commissioners, or either of them, or the result of any act or negligence of any officer or employee of the Company on whose Railway the accident shall have occurred, such Commissioner, officer, or employee as aforesaid shall, upon the verdict of a Coroner's Jury, be forthwith committed for trial at the first Assizes or Court of Queen's Bench, to be held in the County or District where such accident shall have happened, and in case of conviction before the Court, such offender shall be subject to a fine in any sum not exceeding one thousand pounds of lawful money of the Province of Canada, and imprisonment not less than six months in the Common Gaol of the County or District, nor more than seven years in the Provincial Penitentiary, power being hereby given to the Judge to direct the application of the fine.

Punishment of any Commissioners or officer of any Railway by whose negligence any accident shall occur.

IX. Any person convicted of placing any obstruction on any Railway, shall, in case of accident where no loss of life occurs, be subject to imprisonment in the Provincial Penitentiary, for any period not less than three years nor more than twenty-one; and in case of any such accident resulting in death, then the party convicted shall suffer death.

Punishment for placing obstructions upon Railways.