
BILL.

An Act further to amend the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act, and also to amend the Accidents on Railways Act, 1857.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act, and also to amend the Accidents on Railways Act, 1857; Therefore Her Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :—

I. The Sixteenth Section of the said Railway Clauses Consolidation Act shall be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding to the words "Eightly. No person holding any office, place, or emolument in, or being concerned or interested in any contracts under or with the Company, shall be capable of being chosen a Director, or holding the office of Director," in the said section, the words, "nor shall any person being or having been a Director of the Company enter into, or be directly or indirectly interested in, any contract with the Company, or be or become a partner of any contractor with the company; and all contracts for works of construction or maintenance of Railways, shall be offered to public competition; and any contract made in contravention of any of these provisions, shall be utterly null and void and of no effect whatever either in law or equity; and in the event of any Contract made after the passing of this Act in contravention of this Act being fulfilled, an action shall lie in any court of competent jurisdiction against the Contractor, or against the Contractors jointly and severally, as the case may be, at the suit of any Shareholder or Stockholder of the Company, for the benefit of the funds thereof, for the whole amount of profit accruing to such Contractor or Contractors from the Contract so made and fulfilled."

Preamble.

Section 16 of 14 and 15 Vict. c. 51 amended by adding that all contracts between Railway Companies and any of their Directors shall be void, and the profits thereon recoverable by the Shareholders.

II. The Sixteenth Section of the said Accidents on Railways Act, 1857, which prohibits horses, sheep, swine, or other cattle being at large upon any highway within a half mile of the intersection of any highway with any Railway on grade, and which subjects them when so found at large to being impounded, shall be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Section 16 of 20 Vict., c. 12, repealed.

III. The provisions of this Act shall from the passing thereof apply to every Railway made or to be made in this Province.

Act to apply to all Railways made or to be made