

An Act to aid in the settlement of Railway Labour Disputes.

(Reprinted as amended in Committee of the Whole.)

WHEREAS from time to time differences may arise between Preamble.
 Railway Companies and their employees which the parties thereto failing to adjust, may result in lockouts and strikes; and whereas railway lockouts and strikes may interfere
 5 with the proper and efficient transportation of mails, passengers and freight, interrupt the trade and commerce of the country, cause railways to fall into disrepair to the danger of the lives of passengers and employees, and in various other ways occasion serious injury both public and private; and
 10 whereas it is desirable to aid in the settlement of such differences: Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as *The Railway Labour Disputes* Short title.
 15 *Act, 1903.*

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,— Interpretation
- (a.) The expression “Minister” means the Minister of “Minister.”
 Labour;
- (b.) The expression “Department” means the Department “Department.”
 20 of Labour;
- (c.) The expression “Railway” means any railway whether “Railway.”
 operated by steam, electricity or other motive power, and whether under the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada or of the Legislature of any province;
- 25 (d.) The expression “Railway Employers” means any “Railway employers.”
 Company or Government owning or operating wholly or to a lesser extent any railway operated by steam, electricity or other motive power, and whether under the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada or of the Legislature of any province;
- 30 (e.) The expression “Railway Employee” means any person “Railway employee.”
 engaged to perform any work or service in respect of any railway whether operated by steam, electricity, or other motive power, and whether under the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada or of the Legislature of any province;
- 35 (f.) The expression “difference” means any dispute, dis- “Difference.”
 agreement or dissension which in the opinion of the Minister may have caused or may cause a lockout or strike on a railway or which has interfered or may interfere with the proper and efficient transportation of mails, passengers or freight, or
 40 the safety of persons employed upon any car or train;