

An Act to amend the Railway Act.

HIS Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. Every railway company owning or operating a railway in the North-west Territories shall, on or before the thirty-first day of July in each year, provide a fire guard on each side of the line of railway upon any uncultivated or unoccupied land not covered by timber adjoining such railway, consisting of a strip of ploughed land at least eight feet in width which shall at all times thereafter during the year be kept free from grass and other inflammable matter. Fire guards to be maintained along railways in N.-W. T.
2. The fire guard shall be distant at least three hundred feet from the centre line of the railway, and the company shall cause the grass to be burned off between it and such centre line not later than the first day of August in each year.
3. The company shall, when causing such grass to be burned, have present sufficient persons and appliances to prevent the fire from spreading.
2. Any company neglecting or failing to comply with any of the provisions of the foregoing section, and the officers and directors thereof, shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty of \$1,000 for each day of such neglect. Penalty for non-compliance.
3. For the purpose of complying with the provisions of section 1 hereof the company may enter upon any land not owned by it, and no claim for damages shall be maintained against the company for any act done in compliance with the provisions of the said section 1. Authority to enter upon lands.
4. This Act shall be read and construed as if it formed part of *The Railway Act*, chapter 29 of the statutes of 1888.