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An Act for the Prevention and Suppression of Combinations formed in restraint of Trade.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the pre- Preamble. vention and suppression of certain combinations formed in restraint of trade: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of 5 Commons of Canada, enacts as follows,-

1. Every person who combines, agrees or arranges with Combining any other person, or with any railway, steamship or steam- for the purpose ofboat or transportation company,

(a.) For granting to any person who is a party to such Granting spe-10 combination, agreement or arrangement any facility for the facility. purchase, sale, transportation or supply of any article or commodity which is an object of trade, which facility is, by such combination, agreement or arrangement, not to be granted to any person who is not a party thereto;

(b.) For denying to any person who is not a party to such Denying spe-15 combination, agreement or arrangement any facility for any facility. such purchase, sale, transportation or supply which, by the provisions thereof, is to be granted to any person who is a party thereto;

(c.) For unreasonably enhancing the market price of an Enhancing market article or commodity which is an object of trade;

(d.) For unduly restraining the traffic in any such article Restraining traffic. or commodity;

(e.) For limiting, lessening or preventing the production, Limiting pro-25 manufacture, sale or transportation of any such article or duction, &c. commodity;

(f.) For preventing or restricting competition in the pro-Hindering duction, manufacture, sale or transportation of any such competition. article or commodity;

Is guilty of a misdemeanor and liable, on conviction, to a Punishment, 30 penalty not exceeding one thousand dollars and not less than two hundred dollars, or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding twelve months and not less than three months, or to both.