

An Act for the better Regulation of the Traffic on Railways and Canals.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make better provision for regulating the traffic on Railways and Canals: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. In the construction of this Act "the Board of Trade" shall so far as applies to Upper Canada, mean the Board of Trade of the City of Toronto, and so far as applies to Lower Canada, mean the Board of Trade of the City of Montreal; the word "Traffic" shall include not only passengers and their luggage and goods, animals and other things, conveyed by any Railway and Canal Company, but also carriages, wagons, trucks, boats, and vehicles of every description adapted for the purposes of any such Company; the word "Railway" shall include every station of or belonging to such Railway, used for the purposes of public traffic; and the word "Canal" shall include any navigation wherein tolls are levied by authority of Parliament, and also the wharves and landing places of and belonging to such canal or navigation, and used for the purposes of public traffic; the expression "Railway Company," "Canal Company," or "Railway and Canal Company," shall include any person being the owner or lessee of or any contractor working any Railway or Canal or navigation constructed or carried on under the powers of any Act of Parliament; a station, terminus, or wharf shall be deemed to be near another station, terminus, or wharf when the distance between such station, terminus, or wharves shall not exceed one mile.

2. Every Railway Company, Canal Company, and Railway and Canal Company, shall, according to their respective powers, afford all reasonable facilities for the receiving and forwarding and delivering of traffic upon and from the several Railways and Canals belonging to or worked by such Companies respectively, and for the return of carriages, trucks, boats and other vehicles, and no such company shall make or give any undue or unreasonable preference or advantage to or in favor of any particular person or company, or any particular description of traffic, in any respect whatsoever, nor shall any such company subject any particular person or company, or any particular description of traffic, to any undue or unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage in any respect whatsoever, and every Railway Company and Canal Company and Railway and Canal Company being or working railways or canals which form part of a continuous line of Railway or Canal or Railway and Canal communication, or which have the terminus, station or wharf of the one near the terminus, station or wharf of the other, shall afford all due and reasonable faci-