

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

Subsection (4) of section 353 of the *Railway Act* at present reads as follows:

“(4) Railway companies shall print in both the English and French languages the bills of lading that are to be used along their lines *within the limits of the Province of Quebec.*”

The only change consists in deleting the words “within the limits of the Province of Quebec” (in italics above).

Subsection (4) provides that within the limits of the province of Quebec, the bills of lading should be bilingual, while they should be drafted in English only for all other provinces.

The railway companies must therefore have two sets of forms and experience has shown that this is not practical. As numerous mistakes are being made which open the door to criticism.

The main purpose of having these bills of lading printed in both languages, is to permit the railway companies to give more effective service to both their English and French speaking customers; this amendment would therefore serve the best interest of all concerned without any further expenses involved.