
BILL.

An Act for the better Prevention of Accidents on Railways.

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

5 1. The Board of Railway Commissioners constituted by the Seventeenth section of the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, Chapter
10 *seventy-three, intituled, An Act to make provision for the construction of a main Trunk Line of Railway throughout the*
15 *whole length of this Province,* shall, in addition to their present powers and duties, have and discharge the powers and duties in this Act prescribed, and may from time to time appoint some fit and qualified person to be Secretary of the said Board in the stead of the Secretary of the Commissioners of Public Works, who shall henceforth cease to be the Secretary of the said Board.

Board of Railway Commissioners to have additional powers and duties.

20 II. It shall be lawful for the said Board of Railway Commissioners, if and when they shall think fit, to authorize any proper person or persons to inspect any Railway; and it shall
25 be lawful for every person so authorized, at all reasonable times, upon producing his authority if required, to enter upon and examine the said railway and the stations, works and buildings, and the engines and carriages belonging thereto: And it shall be the duty of every Railway Company and the Officers
30 and Directors thereof to afford to such Inspector or Inspectors every information and full and true explanations so far as may be in their power or knowledge on all matters inquired into by any such Inspector or Inspectors, and to submit to such Inspector or Inspectors all plans, specifications and documents
35 relating to the construction or reconstruction, repair or state of repair of such Railway or any portion thereof, whether of a bridge, culvert or otherwise; and the authority of any such Inspector shall be sufficiently evidenced by a paper in writing nominating him an Inspector of Railways or of any Railway in particular signed by the Chairman of the said Board of Railway Commissioners and countersigned by the Secretary thereof.

Railways—their powers and duties.

40 III. Every person wilfully obstructing any person duly authorized as aforesaid in the execution of his duty shall, on conviction before a Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction in the place where the offence shall have been committed, forfeit and pay for every such offence any sum not exceeding *fifty*

Penalty for obstructing them in the execution of their duty.