

PREFACE.

The necessity for a book of this character has arisen from the fact that no second edition of the late Mr. Abbott's valuable work on Railway Law has been published since its issue in 1896, and also from the radical changes effected in the Railway Act of Canada by the consolidation and amendments made in 1903. The present annotated edition of the Statute is offered to meet the evident demand for a book dealing with the changed conditions of modern railway legislation in Canada.

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