

Union of Rail-
way Com-
panies must
be specially
sanctioned by
Parliament.

4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act or Acts whatever, no contract or agreement whatever, hereafter to be entered into between any two or more railway companies, unless in so far as the same may be expressly sanctioned by any special Act of Parliament which may be thereafter passed in that behalf, shall avail to operate the union of any two or more railway companies as one company and one corporation—or the transfer (even for a limited term) to any railway company of the corporate franchises, rights or obligations, of any other railway company—or the lease (in whole or part) for any term exceeding ten years, to any railway company, of the railway, property and effects of any other railway company, or of the use thereof.

Agreements
under section
131 of Rail-
way Act
restricted.

5. The one hundred and thirty-first section of the Railway Act is hereby so amended as to limit the duration of all agreements or arrangements hereafter to be made under authority thereof to ten years, in place of twenty-one years, as thereby limited.

20th Section
of said Act
amended.

6. The twentieth section of the Railway Act is hereby amended by the addition of the following words at the end thereof:

“And there shall not be comprehended in, or covered by, any such toll, either directly or indirectly, any amount or kind of toll or charge whatever, for any transport or service whatever, other than such as the company may perform upon such railway or in such steam vessels.”

29th Section
amended.

7. The twenty-ninth section of the Railway Act is hereby amended by the addition thereto of the two following sub-sections:—

Right of ac-
tion.

“2. No action or right of action or demand shall in any wise enure to the company by reason of any transport or service whatever performed by the company, upon the railway or in the steam vessels to the undertaking belonging, save and except for tolls so fixed and regulated as aforesaid.

By-laws to be
laid before
Parliament.

3. Copies of all By-laws for fixing and regulating such tolls, which may be submitted for approval of the Governor in Council, and also copies of all Orders in Council approving thereof, and of all Orders in Council revising any such By-laws, shall be laid before both Houses of the Provincial Parliament, within ten days from the opening of the session next thereafter.”