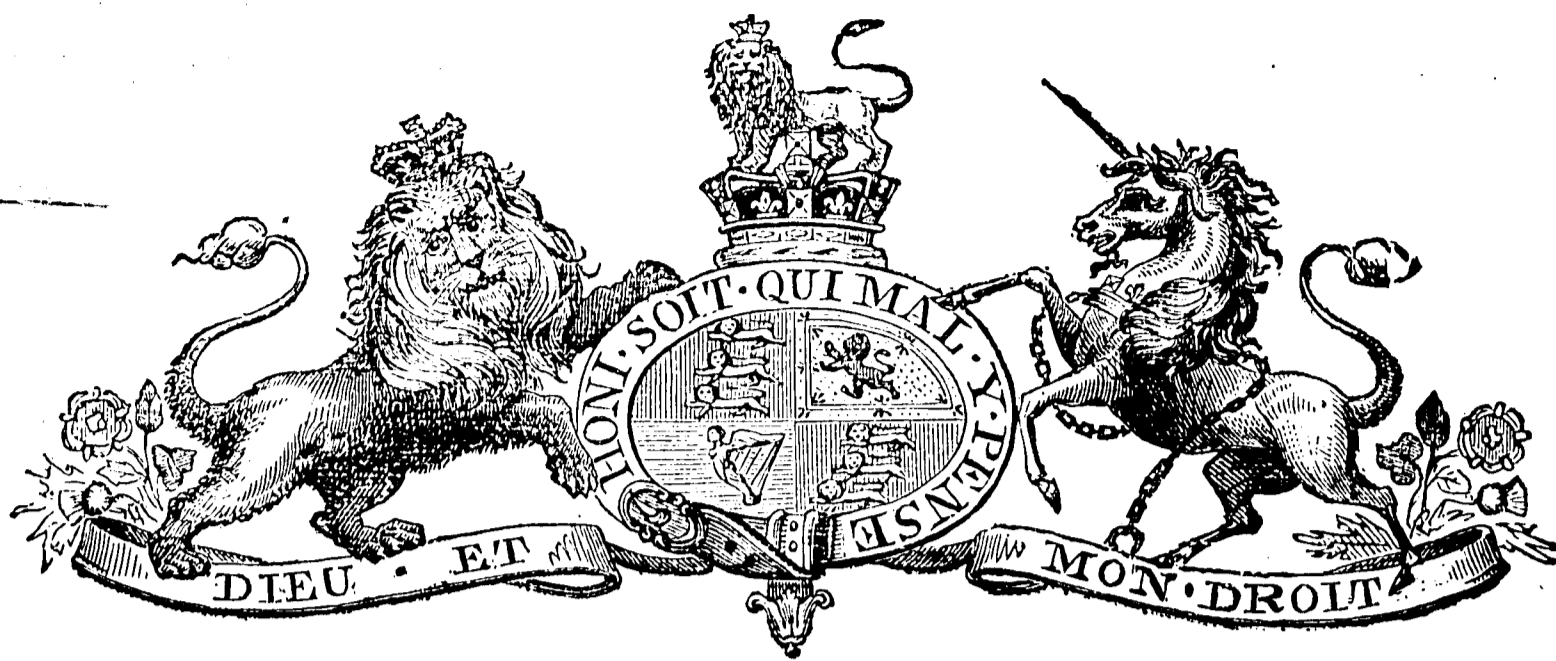


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No. 1350.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the Railways
Standing Committee.

[6th November, 1893.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say):—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Railways Standing Committee Act* 1893 and shall be construed as one with the *Railways Standing Committee Act* 1890, and this Act and the said Act and the *Railways Standing Committee Act* 1891 may be cited together as the Railways Standing Committee Acts.

Short title and construction.
Nos. 1177, 1230.

2. For section three of the *Railways Standing Committee Act* 1890 there shall be substituted the following section namely:—

Section 3 of No. 1177 amended.

3. (1) As soon as conveniently practicable after the commencement of the *Railways Standing Committee Act* 1893 and thereafter during the first session of every Parliament a Joint Committee of nine Members of Parliament to be called the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways shall be appointed according to the practice of Parliament with reference to the appointment of Members to serve on Joint Select Committees of the said Council and Assembly. But no appointment of Members to serve on such Committee shall be made by ballot.
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Constitution of Parliamentary Committee on Railways.

(2) Three of the members of such Joint Committee shall be Members of and be appointed by the Legislative Council, and six of the members of such Joint Committee shall be Members of and be appointed by the Legislative Assembly. But no responsible Minister of the Crown shall be a member of such Committee.

(3) Such nine persons shall hold office as a Joint Committee during the existence and continuance of the Legislative Assembly in session at the time of such appointment and no longer; and shall have and may exercise such powers and authorities perform such duties and be liable to such obligations as are by this Act vested in or imposed upon such Committee.

Declaration of members of Committee.
First Schedule.

(4) Every member of the Committee before entering on the duties of his office or sitting at any meeting of such Committee shall make and subscribe a declaration in the form of the First Schedule to this Act.

Section 6 of No. 1177 amended.

3. For section six of the *Railways Standing Committee Act 1890* there shall be substituted the following section namely:—

Quorum.

6. (1) Five members of the Committee shall except as hereinafter provided form a quorum competent to exercise all powers and authorities and to incur all obligations conferred or imposed upon the Committee.

(2) When the Committee meet for the consideration of their Report to the Legislative Assembly the quorum shall consist of not less than seven members.

(3) No quorum shall consist exclusively of Members of the Legislative Council or of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Sectional committees abolished.
No. 1230.

4. Section seven of the *Railways Standing Committee Act 1890* is hereby repealed and the said Act and the *Railways Standing Committee Act 1891* shall be read and construed as if all references therein to sectional committees were omitted therefrom.

Restriction on members of Committee.

5. No member of the Committee shall vote or take part in the proceedings of the Committee when any proposed line of railway in which he is personally interested or which is proposed to be constructed into or through the province or electoral district which he represents is being considered or reported on by the Committee.

As to reports under section 13 of No. 1177.

6. In sub-section one of section thirteen of the *Railways Standing Committee Act 1890* for the words "Victorian Railways Commissioners" there shall be substituted the words "Engineer-in-Chief of the Victorian Railways."

Repeal of section 4 of No. 1230 and section 14 of No. 1177.

7. Section four of the *Railways Standing Committee Act 1891* and section fourteen of the *Railways Standing Committee Act 1890* are hereby repealed.

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8. The Committee shall not consider or report upon any line of railway unless after the commencement of this Act such line is submitted and explained in the Legislative Assembly by a responsible Minister of the Crown, and unless such line is referred to the Committee by the Legislative Assembly upon the motion of such Minister.

Committee only to consider lines hereafter referred to them.

9. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Railways Standing Committee Acts, when a proposed line of railway has been referred to the Committee then until the Committee have reported to the Legislative Assembly the result of their inquiries and the Assembly has declared by resolution that it is expedient or is not expedient to carry out the same or any portion thereof it shall not be competent for the Committee to consider or report upon any other proposed line of railway.

Order of procedure. Section 13 (2) to (6).

10. Any evidence taken before the Committee or any sectional committee before the commencement of this Act as regards any line of railway under the consideration of the Committee after such commencement shall be considered by the Committee as if such evidence had been given before and for the information and guidance of the Committee.

As to evidence already taken respecting any referred line.

11. When either House of Parliament by resolution refers for the consideration and report of the Committee any question relating to the construction of narrow gauge or other railways the Committee shall consider and report thereon accordingly.

Power to refer railway questions to Committee.

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