

SENATE No. 31.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN SENATE, January 28, 1871.

The Committee on Railways, to whom was recommitted the Bill requiring railroad corporations in certain instances to place safety switches upon the lines of their roads, report the Bill in a new draft.

Per order of the Committee,

ESTES HOWE.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy.
One.

AN ACT

Requiring Safety Switches in Railroads.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows :—

1 SECT. 1. All switches hereafter laid down in any
2 railroad track which is used or intended to be used
3 for passenger or mixed trains, including those so laid
4 down in renewal or existing switches, shall be of the
5 kind know as the Tyler switch, or some other kind
6 of safety switch approved in writing by the board of
7 railroad commissioners.

1 SECT. 2. A railroad corporation shall forfeit the
2 sum of two hundred dollars for each switch laid
3 down by it in violation to this act, and the further
4 sum of five dollars for each day such switch is used
5 by said corporation.

1 SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its pas-
2 sage.