

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Tuesday the 4th day of December 1759, and in the 33^d year of His Majesty's Reign.

33 George II – Chapter 11 (Session 2)

An Act for regulating the Rates and Price of Carriages.

Whereas the rates and price demanded by the owners of trucks, carts, and other carriages of goods, wares and merchandize, are very exorbitant and excessive, and burthensome to trade: in order, therefore, to remedy the same;

Be it enacted by his Excellency the Governor, council, and assembly, and by the authority of the same it is hereby enacted, that the justices in their general sessions of the peace, held for the county of Halifax, shall twice every year, in the month of March and in the month of September, regulate the fares and rates of the carriage of wood, barrels, hogsheads, and other wares and merchandize in the town of Halifax and its suburbs, consideration being had to the price of hay, provender for the cattle, and price of day-labourers; and shall cause a table of the several rates agreed up on by them at their sessions to be printed and posted up in the most public places in and about the town of Halifax.

And be it further enacted, that if any carman or owner of trucks or carts, or any other carriage, shall ask, demand, or receive, from any person, any other or greater rates or fare, than is allowed and prescribed by the table aforesaid, he or they shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty shillings, to be recovered on the oath of the prosecutor, before any one of His Majesty's justices of the peace for the county of Halifax, and to be levied by warrant of distress: one half to be paid to the prosecutor, to the other half to be applied to and for the mending of the streets of Halifax.

And be it also further enacted, that the justices of the peace at the quarter sessions, held in and for the several counties within the province, are also empowered and hereby required every year, in the months of March and September, to regulate the fares and rates of carriages for the several towns in each of the said counties, in like manner and with the same penalties, and to be recovered as is directed by the preceding clauses of this act; one half of the fines and forfeitures to be paid to the prosecutor, and the other half applied to and for mending and repairing the streets of the town where such offence shall be committed.