is a valuable one and the said company will suffer loss and damage if said letters patent are not revived and renewed for a further term; and whereas the said company has, by its petition, prayed that it be enacted as hereinafter set forth, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Commissioner of Patents may extend duration of letters patent.

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in The Patent Act or in the letters patent mentioned in the preamble, the Commissioner of Patents may receive from the Orford Copper 10 Company the application for a certificate of payment and the usual fees upon the said letters patent for the remainder of the term of eighteen years from the date thereof, and may grant and issue to the said company the certificate of payment of fees provided by The Patent Act and an extension of the period 15 of the duration of the said letters patent to the full term of eighteen years in as full and ample a manner as if application therefor had been duly made within six years from the date of the issue of the said letters patent.

Rights of third persons preserved. 2. Any person who has, within the period between the 20 seventeenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and the extension hereunder of the said letters patent, acquired by assignment, where or manufacture, any interest or right in respect of such improvements or invention, shall continue to enjoy the same as if this Act had not been 25 passed.