

**An Act to authorise Henry Ruttan to surrender certain grants of Letters Patent and to take a substitutional grant.**

**W**HEREAS Henry Ruttan, of Cobourg, in the County of Northumberland, hath by his petition set forth, that he has, since the year 1845, taken out several patents for improvements in the ventilation and warming of buildings, vessels, railroad cars and other apartments, and that the said patents, from the vagueness of the specifications and uncertainty of the claims, have become inoperative,—and that he has by means of much study and labor for a period of thirteen years and upwards, and the expenditure of more than three thousand pounds, succeeded in making improvements in the ventilation and warming of buildings and railroad cars in a cold climate, and is still engaged in prosecuting his inquiries and experiments in this branch of science, with the view of perfecting the work and placing it upon a philosophical and permanent basis, and which he believes will contribute largely to the health, comfort and economy of the public at large, and that the terms of his exclusive rights under the patents already granted to him are nearly expired, and that he has never as yet received any remuneration or derived any benefit from his labors,—and hath prayed to be allowed to surrender his present patents and to take out a new patent embracing all his improvements both in ventilation and in the machine for warming the ventilating air in cold weather, for a term of fourteen years from the passing of this Act, and renewable thereafter for seven years; And whereas it is reasonable and expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

I. It shall and may be lawful for the Governor or Administrator of the Government of this Province to take a surrender of all the grants of letters patent heretofore granted to the said Henry Ruttan, upon the subjects of ventilation and warming, referred to in the schedule hereto, and to grant to him, his heirs or assigns, a new patent or patents embracing all his original inventions and discoveries, and his improvements thereon both patented and unpatented, for the period of fourteen years from the passing of this Act, and renewable thereafter for seven years in the same manner and with the same exclusive rights and privileges as patents are granted under the present law, for any discovery or invention, and as if the said original inventions or discoveries and improvements had not been known or used in this province, or had not been in public use or on sale in this province, with the consent or allowance of the said Henry Ruttan, at the time of his application for a patent under the provisions of this Act, anything in the laws of this province relating to patents and inventions to the contrary notwithstanding.

Preamble.

The Governor may accept a surrender of former Patents and grant a new one embracing all subsequent improvements