

An Act to confer on the Commissioner of Patents certain powers for the relief of George L. Williams.

WHEREAS George Leonard Williams, having his chief place of business at the town of Brampton, in the province of Ontario, has, by his petition, represented that on and prior to the fourteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, he was the holder of letters patent under the seal of the Patent Office dated the fourteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, for improvements in boots and shoes, being patent number forty thousand three hundred and forty-five; that on or before the expiration of the first six years of the said letters patent, which were granted for a term of eighteen years, only the partial fee for the first six years being paid upon the issue thereof, the said Williams was entitled, upon application therefor, to a certificate of payment of the additional fee provided by section 22 of *The Patent Act*, chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes as amended by section 5 of chapter 24 of the statutes of 1892, and section 3 of chapter 34 of the statutes of 1893; and whereas the said Williams and others had, prior to the said fourteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, invested a large sum in the equipment of a factory, the extension and advertising of the business dealing in the article covered by the said letters patent, and the establishment of an incorporated company, to wit, The Williams Shoe Company, Limited, for the manufacture of the said patented article known as Williams Patent Adjustable Boot; that the said Williams, an officer of the said company, carrying on business at the time at the town of Milton, inadvertently omitted to make such application before the fourteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, but, soon after the omission was observed, made application to pay the said fee, at which date such application could not be entertained, as the Commissioner of Patents could not then accept the additional fee and grant a certificate of payment thereof; and whereas the said Williams has, by his 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:—

40 **I.** 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 George Leonard Williams the application for a certificate of payment and the

Preamble.

R.S.C., c. 61,
s. 22.

1892, c. 24, s. 5.

1893, c. 34, s. 3.

Commissioner
of Patents
may extend
duration of
letters patent.