

An Act to confer on the Commissioner of Patents certain powers for the relief of the Orford Copper Company

WHEREAS the Orford Copper Company has, by its petition, Preamble.
 represented that on the seventeenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, it was granted letters patent under the seal of the Patent Office for "new and
 5 useful improvements in process of obtaining commercially pure sulphide of nickel for use in the manufacture of nickel and other commercial purposes," the said letters patent being number forty-four thousand seven hundred and twenty-three; that the said letters patent were granted for a period of
 10 eighteen years, but pursuant to the provisions of *The Patent Act* only the partial fee for the first term of six years was paid thereon; that the said company was entitled, before the expiration of the said first term of six years, upon application therefor and upon payment of the additional fee for a further
 15 term or terms, to a certificate of payment of such additional fee as provided by section 22 of *The Patent Act*, chapter 61 of R.S.C., c. 61,
 the revised statutes, as amended by section 5 of chapter 24 s. 22.
 of the statutes of 1892 and section 3 of chapter 34 of the sta- 1892, c. 24,
 tutes of 1893; that the said company had been put to expense s. 5;
 20 in the discovery and perfecting of the invention covered by 1893, c. 34,
 the said letters patent and in the procuring of the same, and in manufacturing thereunder; that the said company is the owner of several patents of invention other than the said letters patent, and that the duty of renewing the said patents from
 25 time to time devolved upon the attorneys for the said company; that prior to the expiration of the first term of six years the said company duly instructed its said attorneys to renew the said letters patent in due course and to apply for and obtain the said certificate of payment of such additional
 30 fee; that by an oversight of the managing clerk of the said attorneys the date of the expiration of the said first term of six years was inadvertently overlooked, but such oversight was discovered within eight days after the date of such expiration, and immediately thereupon the said attorneys made
 35 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; that the omission to make such application and to pay such additional fee within the proper time was due
 40 solely to such oversight and not to any neglect or default on the part of the said company which always intended that the said letters patent should be renewed before the expiration of the said term; that the invention covered by the said patent