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No. 17. An Ordinance for the protection of Inventions.

[4th May, 1864.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the protection of
new and useful inventions;

Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

I. The Governor by Order in Council, may grant such protection to the Inventors of new and useful discoveries and inventions, with such exclusive privileges, under Letters Patent, or otherwise, as to such Governor, may from time to time seem just and expedient.

The Governor in Council may protect Inventions.

II. No application for such exclusive privilege, shall be received unless the same shall have been first enquired into by the Attorney General, (who is hereby authorized to enquire into the same) and shall be accompanied by a Certificate under his hand and seal, that the invention for which the privileges are sought, is new and useful, and fit to receive protection and exclusive privilege.

Preliminary enquiry and Certificate of Law Officer.

III. Such fees shall be charged and chargeable upon any application for such exclusive privileges, and payable in such manner as shall be prescribed and varied from time to time in that behalf, by any Order of the Governor in Council.

Fees.

IV. Every person infringing any exclusive privilege, conferred under this Ordinance, shall be liable in an action for damages before a Jury, in the Supreme Court of Civil Justice, to the party aggrieved.

Penalty.

V. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as "The Patents' Ordinance, 1864."

Short Title.

Passed the Legislative Council the 3rd day of May, A. D. 1864.

CHARLES GOOD, Clerk.

Assented to, in Her Majesty's name, this fourth day of May, 1864.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR,

Governor.