

An Act to amend the Law of Patents for Inventions.

WHEREAS it is expedient to encourage the introduction of Inventions and Discoveries of Foreign Countries into this Province: Be it therefore enacted, &c., that— Preamble.

I. Notwithstanding any thing contained in any Act or Law heretofore in force in this Province relative to the obtaining of Patents for Inventions and Discoveries, it shall be lawful for any person resident in any Foreign State or in any of Her Majesty's Dominions in Europe or America, whether such person shall be a subject of Her Majesty or of such Foreign State, who has discovered or invented any new and useful Art, Machine, Manufacture or Composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement on any Art, Machine, Manufacture or Composition of matter or the principle thereof, the same not being known or used in this Province before his Discovery or Invention thereof, and not at the time of the application for a Patent therefor in public use or on sale in this Province, to obtain a Patent therefor in the same manner as Patents have been and are now obtained by the Laws heretofore and now in force in this Province, by Discoverers and Inventors of useful Arts and Machines who are subjects of Her Majesty and residents of this Province; and that all the regulations and provisions in the Acts now in force in this Province for the obtaining and protection of Patents, shall apply to applications for and Patents granted under this Act: Provided that the duration of such Patents shall be limited to seven years from the granting of the same. Patents may be granted to persons not residents in this Province.
Provided the invention be not previously known or in use here.
Such patents to be for seven years only.

II. The expression "Foreign State" used in this Act, shall include any Country not under the British Dominion and subject to the Crown thereof; and all Acts and Laws relating to Patents for Inventions shall be construed in such liberal manner as to give full effect to this Act, so as to secure to all persons obtaining Patents under this Act as full and complete privileges and immunities for the duration thereof, which are or can be secured to persons obtaining Patents for Inventions or Discoveries under the Laws heretofore in force in this Province. Interpretation clause.