

An Act to amend Chapter thirty-four of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada relating to Patents of Invention.

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The following paragraphs shall be added to the fifteenth section of the thirty-fourth chapter of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, intitled, "An Act respecting Patents of Invention," and construed as part of the said section.

Additional paragraphs to Sec. 15, of Cap. 34, Con. Stat. of Can..

3. The arbitrators so named shall, before acting, take before a Judge of any Court of Upper or Lower Canada, the following oath:

10 "I, the undersigned, (A. B.) being duly appointed an arbitrator under the authority of the fifteenth section of the thirty-fourth chapter of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, do hereby solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be), that I will well and truly perform the duty of such arbitrator on the interfering applications of (C. D. and E. F.) submitted to me."

Oath to be taken by arbitrators.

15 4. The arbitrators, or any one of them, after having been so sworn, shall have the power of summoning before them any party or witness, and of requiring them to give evidence on oath, orally or in writing, (or on solemn affirmation, if they be persons entitled to affirm in civil mat- 20 ters,) and to produce such documents and things as such arbitrators deem requisite to the full investigation of the matters into which they are appointed to examine, and shall then have the same power to enforce the attendance of such witnesses, and to compel them to give evi- 25 dence, as is vested in any Court of Law in civil cases, in that portion of the Province in which the arbitration shall be had; and any wilfully false statement made by any such witness on oath or solemn affirmation, shall be a misdemeanor punishable in the same manner as wilful and corrupt perjury; but no such party or witness shall be compelled to answer any question, by his answer to which, he might render himself liable to a criminal prosecution.

Powers of arbitrators with respect to summoning of witnesses, &c.

30 5. The fees for the services of arbitrators shall be paid by the parties naming them, respectively, except those of the third arbitrator, when named by the Minister of Agriculture, which shall be paid by the applicants jointly.

Fees to arbitrators.