

most intimately connected with the welfare and development of the Empire, viz., a uniform Imperial Patent Act, should not be taken up.

There, of course, would be a great many suggestions from all parts of the Empire, which would have to be taken into consideration and undoubtedly the consideration of the Acts now in force throughout the Empire would be most important. Representatives might be chosen from Great Britain and the Colonies to frame an Act which will be beneficial and equally applicable to all the States and Colonies. The Act should, in my humble opinion, be first passed in London, the hub of the Empire, and then passed in all the Colonies. This Act should be such an Act that it would not prevent, but rather set forth that each self-governing Colony has the right to legislate under the Act as to any question, which would effect the commerce and trade of such individual Colony, such as the question of Manufacture and Importation and Compulsory License.

A great benefit to inventors, manufacturers and others interested in inventions and the protection of the same throughout the Empire, which might readily be provided for, would be the printing of patents. Printing Bureaus could be established in Great Britain and the principal self-governing Colonies, such as Canada, Australia and South Africa, for the lithographing of Patents, and copies of patents could be issued in these portions of the