

A *specific* trade-mark, which is only used for one kind of goods, as "B.B.B." (Burdock Blood Bitters), may be registered for \$25, and stands for 25 years, and renewable.

Industrial designs, as letter heads, labels, etc., may be registered for \$5, which secures it exclusively for five years, and an extension of five years \$2. A copy of the Act may be obtained from the Minister of Agriculture (Trade-mark Branch). In Newfoundland the fee is \$20.

522 Patentrigh. Nearly any article or machine that is new and useful may be patented. For full information write to *The Commissioner of Patents, Ottawa, Canada*, who will forward a copy of the Act.

The fees for the various periods are as follows: 18 years, \$60; 12 years, \$40; 6 years, \$20; fee for a further term of 12 years, \$40; for 6 years, \$20; for lodging a *caveat*, \$5; fees to register a judgment, \$4; to register an assignment, \$2; attaching a disclaimer to a patent, \$2.

For Newfoundland the fee is \$25, and the period 14 years. Address the *Colonial Secretary*.

CHAPTER XXI.

INSOLVENT DEBTORS.

523 Insolvent Debtors. We have no Bankruptcy Act in Canada by which an insolvent debtor can be forced to make assignment for the benefit of his creditors, and which will give him a release from further prosecution. But all the Provinces and Newfoundland have enacted very fair and equitable insolvency laws, which prevent insolvent traders from either fraudulently disposing of their assets, or settling with certain creditors to the prejudice of others. They all force the debtor either to leave the country or to do business in future in his wife's or some other person's name, except in Newfoundland.

In case a debtor who is practically insolvent and yet refuses to make an assignment for the general benefit of creditors, an action may be brought by one creditor on behalf of himself and all other creditors, when both the real and personal property may be sold under execution and the proceeds ratably distributed among the execution creditors and those who prove and file their claims within the time provided in each Province. The law costs of a person suing in such case would be paid in full before any distribution would be made among the creditors.

In Quebec, any creditor having an unsecured claim overdue for \$200 or upwards may demand the debtor to file with the court judicial abandonment of his estate for the benefit of his creditors, and if this is not done within two days, or the debt paid, and the abandonment actually made within four days the debtor may be arrested.

524 Assignment. In Ontario and all the other Provinces except Quebec, if the debtor consents or desires to make an assignment it may