

securing this great advantage to Canadian inventors we have no doubt, although we fear some years must elapse before it is accomplished. The bill introduced into Parliament during the last session by the general Government was, to a certain extent, a step in the right direction, but, unfortunately, not sufficiently so to obtain reciprocity with the United States. In the bill submitted, the necessity of being a British subject was dispensed with, but a residence in the Dominion for one year immediately prior to making the application was required. This clause was assented to by both Houses of Parliament, although a large number of members were in favour of non-residence being substituted. The bill, moreover, had a clause, confining each patent, for its unexpired period, to the province for which it was originally granted. This objectionable clause was struck out of the bill in the Senate, and a second substituted, extending existing patents, which had been previously granted in any one province, over the entire Dominion. The Government then withdrew their bill from the Senate, with the excuse that they could not accept the responsibility of the alteration.

With some slight alterations in the original bill it was afterwards introduced into the House of Commons, near the end of the session, when but few members were present, and carried hurriedly and surreptitiously through the three readings, retaining the objectionable clause of non-extension. On sending it up to the Senate, to pass it through that branch of the Legislature, the senators recognised their old friend of the week before, in substantially the same form in which it had previously been presented to them. The Senate very justly refused to receive the bill which they had before rejected, on account of the objectionable clause of "non-extension of patents." The illiberal bill was therefore the second time withdrawn, and has consequently fallen through.

At the next session of Parliament, during the early part of the coming year, another Patent Bill must be introduced, with a full House of Commons and determined Senate. The probability is that the Government will not again risk defeat by endeavouring to insist on the objectionable clause, and that the clause *extending the Patents*, as passed by the Senate, will ultimately become law. This being the case, your New Brunswick patent, if previously obtained, will at