

sold for eighty thousand dollars in gold, for the six New England States, and for thirty thousand dollars in greenbacks for each of several other States.—We are acquainted with several other Canadian Patentees who have sold their inventions for large sums in the United States, and with many more as valuable inventions which would sell equally well, could the inventors afford to pay the high fee in that country.

It is to be hoped the spirit displayed by New Brunswick and Newfoundland, will be acted on in framing the New Dominion Patent Law, and that British,—American,—and other citizens may be allowed to obtain Patents on the same terms as granted to our own people, in return for their liberality—in fact that our legislation on this important subject be progressive and not retrograde; that the policy of the Dominion from this time separate or part company with that followed by Turkey, Greece, China, and Japan, and thus enable our country to take its place in the ranks of enlightened progressive nations.

A special clause with reference to Patents issued to alien inventors, similar to the one in the United States Patent Law, might be inserted, to the effect that the Patent be kept on sale at a reasonable rate for eighteen months from date, or otherwise the Patent to become void.

A large revenue would flow into the Patent Office, from foreign inventors, and if periods for which the Patents are granted be made short, but renewable on payment of additional fees, they being in operation or on sale, as in some other countries, a large percentage of the patents granted would lapse from non-payment of fees at the expiration of the first or second periods, and the invention thus become public property.

There are many arguments which could be brought forward in support of a liberal Patent Law, while, on the other hand, no valid reasons can be given for the abrogation of all Patent Laws, by the few theoretical and mystical gentlemen who advocate this course.—We reply to their arguments, such as they are, by significantly pointing to Turkey, Greece, Switzerland, &c., &c., as samples of the results produced by the action of their strange and ridiculous theory, and to which condition England, United States,