THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA.

BILL 25.

An Act respecting Patents of Invention.

R.S., c. 69; 1913, c. 17; 1919, c. 64. HIS Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Minister to have power to extend time in certain cases for doing any act, etc., under Patent Act.

1. The Minister may at any time extend the time prescribed by the *Patent Act*, or any rules made thereunder, for doing any act, paying any fee or filing any document, upon such terms and subject to such conditions as he may think fit in the following cases, namely:—

(a) Where it is shown to his satisfaction that the applicant, patentee, or proprietor, as the case may be, 10 was prevented from doing the said act, paying the said fee, or filing the said document by reason of active service or enforced absence from the country, or any other circumstance arising from a state of war which in the opinion of the Minister would justify 15 such extension:

(b) Where the doing of any act within the time by any law prescribed therefor would, by reason of the circumstances arising from a state of war, be or have been prejudicial or injurious to the rights or interests of any 20

applicant, patentee or proprietor as aforesaid;

such extension of any prescribed time, if granted after its expiration, shall have the same effect as if granted prior thereto, provided such expiration occurred on or after the fourth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and 25 fourteen.

Minister to have power to waive requirement to manufacture, etc., invention within prescribed period.

2. In any case in which, by reason of circumstances arising from a state of war, the Minister may deem it expedient he may order that neither the failure to construct or manufacture in Canada any patented invention nor the 30 importation of any such invention into Canada during the continuance of the war and for one year thereafter shall in anywise affect the validity of the patent granted in respect