

Commissioners to make rules with regard to their own proceedings.

16. The Commissioners for the time being may from time to time make and establish such rules and forms, with regard to any proceedings to be had before them, and to such notices, papers and other documents, as may be required in the conduct of such proceedings, as to them appear expedient, for the better attainment of the purposes of justice.

Right to Patent may be transferred and registered.

17. Any person whose right to obtain a patent for lands has been established by any Commissioners under this Act, may, by an instrument in writing, assign, transfer, and convey his right and interest to or in such land; and such assignment, as well as all subsequent assignments, may be registered in the Dominion Lands Office; and the last assignee shall be entitled to a patent upon proving compliance with all the conditions to which the original location was subject.

Proof required in support of claims for Patents, when original nominees are dead.

18. In any application for a patent by the heir, assignee or devisee of the person originally entitled to any land, the Minister charged with the administration of Dominion Lands may receive proof in such manner as he may direct and require in support of the claim for a patent when the original nominee is dead; and upon being satisfied that the claim has been equitably and justly established, he may report the same to the Governor-in-Council, and if approved, the patent may issue to the party named in the Order in Council founded on such report, or to his assignee without the intervention of the said Commissioners; but nothing in this clause contained shall limit the right of the party claiming a patent, to make application at any time to the said Commissioners.

When such patents may be issued.

Claim before commissioners not barred.

CHAP. 7.

An Act to suspend for a limited time the operation of certain Acts relating to the Inspection of Steamboats, in British Columbia.

[Assented to 3rd May, 1873.]

Preamble.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows :—

Operation of Acts 31 V. c. 65, 32-33 V., c. 39, and part of 35 V. c. 38, suspended until 1st June, 1874, in British Columbia.

1. The operation of the Act passed in the thirty-first year of Her Majesty's reign, and intituled, "*An Act respecting the inspection of Steamboats, and for the greater safety of Passengers by them,*" and of the Act passed in the session held in the thirty-second and thirty-third years of Her Majesty's reign and intituled "*An Act to amend the Act respecting the Inspection of Steamboats, and for the greater safety of Passengers by them,*" and of such enactments of the Act passed in the thirty-fifth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "*An Act to extend certain laws relating to*