

An Act to confer on the Commissioner of Patents certain powers for the relief of the Servis Railroad Tie Plate Company of Canada, Limited.

**W**HEREAS the Servis Railroad Tie Plate Company of Preamble.  
 Canada, Limited, of Moncton, New Brunswick, has, by its petition, represented that on or about the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, it purchased from the Servis Railroad Tie Plate Company of New York, and became the holder and owner of letters patent issued under the seal of the Patent Office as number twenty thousand five hundred and sixty-six, for new and useful improvements on wear plates for railroad ties, which patent was issued on the twelfth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, for a term of fifteen years from the said date; and whereas, after the issuing of the said letters patent, *The Patent Act* was amended by chapter 24 of the statutes of 1892, which limited the duration of letters patent of invention to the term of eighteen years; and whereas the said company has represented that it has expended large sums of money in purchasing the patent rights from the original patentee of the said invention, and has expended large sums of money and much time and labour and has used all due diligence in endeavouring to introduce the said invention to the public and to bring it into general use on the railways of the Dominion, but that, without fault or neglect, it has failed to obtain from the use and sale of said invention a reasonable remuneration for the money, time and labour bestowed upon it and upon its introduction into public use; and whereas, unless some extension or renewal of the said patent is granted, the said company will suffer great loss and injury and will wholly lose the money, time and labour expended in endeavouring to bring the said invention into public use; and whereas the said company has by its petition prayed that the said patent be renewed or extended for a further term of six years from the twelfth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, or for such further or other term as may be just and reasonable in the premises, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in *The Patent Act*, or in the letters patent mentioned in the preamble, the Commissioner of Patents may receive from the Servis Railroad Tie Plate Company of Canada, Limited, the application for a certificate of payment and the usual fee required for the term of six years, and may grant and issue to the said company the

Commissioner of patents may extend duration of letters patent.