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An Act respecting Patents of Invention.

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

PATENT OFFICE CONSTITUTED.

1. There shall be attached to the Department of Agriculture, as
a branch thereof, an Office to be named The Patent Office ; and
5 the Minister of Agriculture for the time being shall be the Com-
missioner of Patents of Invention ; and it shall be the duty of
the said Commissioner to receive all applications, fees, papers,
documents and models for patents, and to perform such acts and
things respecting the granting and issuing of patents for new and
10 useful discoveries, inventions, and improvements as are herein
provided for ; and he shall have the charge and custody of the
books, records, papers, models, machines, and other things belong-
ing to the said Office.
2. The Commissioner shall cause a seal to be made for the
15 purposes of this Act, and may cause to be sealed therewith letters
patent and other instruments and copies proceeding from the
Patent Office ; and all Courts, Judges, and other persons whomso-
ever shall take notice of such seal, and receive impressions thereof
in evidence, in like manner as impressions of the Great Seal are
20 received in evidence, and shall also take notice of and receive in
evidence, without further proof and without production of the
originals, all copies or extracts certified under the seal of the said
Office to be copies of or extracts from documents deposited in such
office.
- 25 3. The Commissioner may, from time to time, subject to the
approval of the Governor in Council, make such rules and regula-
tions, and prescribe such forms, as may appear to him necessary
and expedient for the purposes of this Act ; such regulations and
forms approved as aforesaid and circulated in print for the use of the
30 public shall be deemed a true interpretation of the meaning of the
law ; and all documents, executed after the same and accepted by
the Commissioner, shall be held valid so far as relating to proceed-
ings in the Patent Office.
4. The Deputy of the Minister of Agriculture shall be the
35 Deputy Commissioner of Patents of Invention ; and the Governor
may, from time to time, appoint such clerks and officers under him
as may be necessary for the purpose of this Act, and such clerks
and officers shall hold office during pleasure.
5. The Commissioner shall cause a report to be prepared
40 annually and laid before Parliament of the proceedings under
this Act, and shall from time to time and at least once in a year,
Annual report and list of Patents.