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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 Minister of Agriculture to be Commissioner of Patents of Invention. a branch thereof, an Office to be named The Patent Office ; and the Minister of Agriculture for the time being shall be the Commissioner 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 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 belonging to the said Office.

2. The Commissioner shall cause a seal to be made for the 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 whomsoever shall take notice of such seal, and receive impressions thereof in evidence, in like manner as impressions of the Great Seal are 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.

3. The Commissioner may, from time to time, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, make such rules and regulations, 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 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 proceedings in the Patent Office.

4. The Deputy of the Minister of Agriculture shall be the 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 annually and laid before Parliament of the proceedings under this Act, and shall from time to time and at least once in a year,