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An Act to legalize, confirm and extend Letters Patent granted to James McNabb, "Inventor of a Horizontal Car Coupler."

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An Act to enable James McNabb, of the Township of Bosanquet, to obtain an extension of his Patent for a Horizontal Car Coupler.

**W**HEREAS James McNabb, of the Township of Bosanquet (formerly of the Town of Owen Sound, in the County of Grey), hath by his petition represented that by letters patent, under the Great Seal of the late Province of Canada, dated the twelfth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, he became the patentee of a Horizontal Car Coupler, of which he was the original inventor:—that the said invention has been recently adopted on two of the Railways in the Dominion, but has not hitherto been remunerative to the Patentee: that the petitioner applied for and obtained an extension of his Patent in the year 1871, to the whole Dominion of Canada, for a term of five years, but was subsequently notified that the said extension had been so issued in error, inasmuch as he had failed to publish the notice required by the sixteenth section of chapter thirty-four of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, under which the original patent had issued, and that a suit had been instituted by the Government to quash the said extension on the ground of such irregularity; and whereas the said James McNabb has obtained a postponement of the trial of such suit, and has petitioned for an Act to confirm and legalize the said extension of letters patent notwithstanding any irregularity in the issue thereof, or to make such other provision for his relief as may be found advisable; and it is expedient to grant his prayer: 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 contained in section sixteen of chapter thirty-four of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, it shall be lawful for the Commissioner of Patents, upon the surrender to him by the said James McNabb, of the extension of a patent illegally issued to him on the eighth day of January, 1872, for a Horizontal Car Coupler—to issue to him letters patent for the whole Dominion, extending for a period of seven years from the twelfth day of October, 1871, when his original patent expired.

Preamble.

Extension of patent may be granted to James McNabb.