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An Act to amend the Law of Patents for Inventions.

WHEREAS it is expedient to encourage the introduction of Inventions and Discoveries of Foreign Countries, in this Province; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows: Preamble.

I. Notwithstanding any Act or law heretofore in force in this Province relative to the obtaining of Patents for Inventions and Discoveries, it shall be lawful for any person whether a subject of Her Majesty or of any foreign State, and whether such person shall be resident within this Province or elsewhere, who has discovered or invented any new and useful art, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or the principle thereof, the same not being known or used in this Province before his discovery or invention thereof, and not at the time of the application for a Patent therefor in public use or on sale in this Province, to obtain a patent therefor in the same manner as patents have been and are now obtained by the laws heretofore and now in force in this Province, by Discoverers and Inventors of useful arts and machines, who are subjects of Her Majesty and residents in this Province; and all the regulations and provisions in the Acts now in force in this Province for the obtaining and protection of Patents, shall apply to applications for and Patents granted under this Act. Patents may be obtained by Foreigners and for Foreign Inventions, on the same conditions as by Her Majesty's subjects, resident in the Province.

II. It shall be lawful for any person being the original inventor or designer thereof, in addition to the inventions and discoveries for which patents have been heretofore granted, to obtain patents for new and original designs of the following kinds: Patents may be obtained for the designs herein enumerated.

1. For a manufacture whether of metal or other material.
2. For the printing of woollen, silk, cotton, or other fabrics.
3. For busts, statues, or bas-reliefs, or compositions in alto or basso-relievo.
4. For any new and original pattern or print or picture to be either worked into or worked on, or printed or painted or cast or otherwise fixed on any article of manufacture.
5. For any impression or ornament whether complete in itself or to be placed on any article of manufacture in marble or other material.
6. For any new shape or configuration of any article of manufacture.

Such Patents obtainable in the usual manner.

III. It shall be lawful to apply for and obtain patents for designs or inventions particularly specified in the second clause of this Act, in the same manner as patents are now obtained for other inventions or discoveries, and the laws of this Province generally relating to Patents for Inventions shall apply to such Patents.

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Patents to be granted hereafter only to Inventors or their assigns. Proviso.

IV. Notwithstanding any thing in any Act or law heretofore in force in this Province, no Patent shall hereafter be granted to any person for any invention, discovery or design, other than to the original inventor, Discoverer or Designer thereof or to his assignee; Provided nothing herein contained shall affect or in any manner invalidate any Patent heretofore granted in this Province.

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