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1 William IV – Chapter 24

**An Act for the encouragement of the Useful Arts, in this Province. (31st March, 1831.)**

Whereas it is expedient further to continue for a limited time, a certain Act passed in the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled, "An Act to promote the progress of Useful Arts in this Province," which Act was revived and continued until the first day of May one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, by a certain Act passed in the ninth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled, "An Act to revive and amend an Act for the promotion of Useful Arts in this Province"; Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North-America,' and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province;"—And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the said Act passed in the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled, "An Act to promote the progress of Useful Arts in this Province" shall be and is hereby continued, and shall remain in force until the expiration of this Act, and no longer.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all the privileges, clauses, provisions, powers, and legal remedies, intended and mentioned by the said Act to be secured to, imposed upon, and to apply to the inventor and discoverer of any new and Useful Art, Machine, Manufacture, or Composition of Matter, for which he or she shall make application for a Patent, shall be construed to extend to and to include, and are hereby declared to extend to and include any subject of His Majesty, being an inhabitant of this Province, who shall on his or her travels in any foreign country, have discovered or obtained a knowledge of and be desirous of introducing into this Province, any new and Useful Art, Machine, Manufacture, or Composition of Matter, not known or not in use in this Province before his or her application for the same; Provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall extend to inventions or discoveries of any new and Useful Art, Machine, Manufacture, or Composition of Matter, made, discovered, or used in the United States of America, or in any part of His Majesty's Dominions in America, or be construed to prevent the free importation thereof into this Province, for sale, by any person or persons, for use, or otherwise, from the said United-States, or His Majesty's said Dominions.

III. Provided also, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that such person so desirous of introducing into this Province any Invention, Art, Machine, Manufacture, or Composition of Matter, which he or she shall have discovered, or obtained a knowledge of in

any foreign country, shall, previous to obtaining a Patent for the same in the manner prescribed in the said Act as to Inventors and Discoverers, make oath, or in case he or she be a Quaker, affirm that he or she believes himself or herself to be the first introducer and publisher of such Invention, Art, Machine, Manufacture, or Composition of Matter, in this Province.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be and remain in force until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six and no longer.