

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1850.*

13 Victoria – Chapter 16

**An Act to authorise the granting a Patent for an improved Fog-Bell or Gong, and other self-regulating Machinery, impelled by Wind, to Thomas Robson, of Sackville, in the Province of New Brunswick, Master Mariner. (Passed 30th April, 1850.)**

Whereas it appears by the Petition of Thomas Robson, of Sackville, in the County of Westmoreland and Province of New Brunswick, Master Mariner, that he has invented or discovered an improved Fog-bell or Gong, and a self-regulating Pneumatic Machine or Horizontal Windmill for giving motion to the same,—which said Pneumatic Machine or Horizontal Windmill may be also applied to give motion to any other machine, or to the working an Air Whistle, Alarum, or other means of producing sound,—and is likely to be of great public utility:

And Whereas it is expedient that an Act should be passed authorizing the issue of Letters Patent to the said Thomas Robson, securing his exclusive right to the said Invention for a limited period:

Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly of Newfoundland, in Legislative Session convened, and by authority of the same, that it shall and maybe lawful for the Governor or Administrator of the Government of this Island to cause to be issued Letters Patent under the Great Seal of this Island, securing to the said Thomas Robson, his executors, administrators and assigns, for the term of Fourteen Years from the date of such Letters Patent, the full, sole and exclusive right to such invention or discovery of an improved Fog-bell or Gong, and self-regulating Pneumatic Machine or Horizontal Windmill, by such description as may be necessary legally to describe the same, so as to secure him, the said Thomas Robson, from all piracy thereof, or infringement of such Patent, upon his depositing a Specification and Plans in the Office of the Colonial Secretary of this Island, and which said Patent shall be governed by the same rules, and be subject to the same or similar conditions, as in the case of Patents for useful inventions granted under the Great Seal of England.