

*Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada*, passed in the year 1827. York: Robert Stanton, 1827.

8 George IV – Chapter 20

**An Act for the Relief of James Radcliffe. Passed 17th Feb'y. 1827.**

Whereas the provisions of an Act, passed in the Seventh Year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, "*An Act to encourage the progress of Useful Arts within this Province*," are confined to the sole Inventors of any new and useful Art, Machine, Manufacture, or Composition of Matter, not known or used before the application, being Subjects of His Majesty, and Inhabitants of this Province: And whereas, James Radcliffe, of Niagara, Gentleman, claims to be a Co-inventor with one George Deming, a Foreigner, of an improved mode of Propelling Boats by the application of the power of the Steam Engine acting on the water passing through Trunks under or through the Boat; and also, claims to be a Co-proprietor with the said George Deming, the Inventor of a certain Wheel, capable of great Power, when immersed in running water without head; And whereas, the said James Radcliffe hath been at considerable expense, and hath bestowed great pains and ingenuity in bringing the said Inventions into Public Notice, and is therefore entitled to Public protection.

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 Upper 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 formaking moreeffectual Provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America, andto makefurther Provision for die Government of the said Province;*" and by the authority of the same, That upon the said James Radcliffe substantiating his respective claims aforesaid, to be Co-inventor of the first mentioned improvement, and of joint Proprietor of the other as aforesaid, in the manner pointed out in the before in part recited Act for Original Inventors, he the said James Radcliffe, shall be entitled to a Patent or Patents, according to the provisions of the said Act, for the said Inventions, in the same manner as he would or might be entitled were he the Original Inventor of the said improvements respectively.