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No. 421.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Patents.

[Assented to, December 9th, 1887.]

WHEREAS it is desirable to amend the law relating to patents Preamble.
—Be it therefore Enacted by the Governor of the Province of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the said province, in this present Parliament assembled, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as “The Patents Amendment Act, 1887.” Short title.

2. This Act and “The Patent Act, 1877,” and “The Patent Act Amendment Act, 1881,” except so far as the same are altered by this Act, shall be incorporated and read and construed together. Incorporation.

3. Any person entitled to obtain a patent may obtain a certificate entitling him to provisional protection for any such invention, or improvement, upon payment of the fee mentioned in the Schedule to this Act, and on depositing with the Commissioner a petition and specification in the prescribed form. Certificate of provisional protection may be obtained.

4. A certificate of provisional protection shall continue in force for twelve months and no longer, and shall be null and void if before the date of the expiration thereof the lawful holder of such certificate shall fail to make application for letters patent in terms of “The Patent Act of 1877” and “The Patent Act Amendment Act, 1881.” Duration of certificates.

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Provisional protection.

5. When a petition for provisional protection has been accepted, the invention may, during the period of twelve months, be used and published without prejudice to the patent to be granted for the same, and such protection from the consequences of use and publication is in this Act referred to as provisional protection.

Schedule of fees.

6. The fees mentioned in the Schedule of this Act shall be paid in respect to the several matters and things therein respectively referred to, in lieu of the fees mentioned in Schedule of "The Patent Act Amendment Act, 1881."

The Commissioner of Patents.

7. The Governor may appoint any officer in the Civil Service to be Commissioner of Patents, and, on any such appointment, any person theretofore Commissioner of Patents shall thereupon cease to be Commissioner of Patents.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

WM. C. F. ROBINSON, Governor.

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THE SCHEDULE.

Fees to be paid in respect of the several matters hereunder specified:—

	£	s.	d.
For every provisional protection	1	0	0
For every patent	2	0	0
Examiner's fee on reference when necessary, not exceeding	3	3	0
On every patent before the expiration of three years from its			
date	2	10	0
And before the expiration of seven years	2	10	0
On filing every amended or substituted specification	1	0	0
On notice of opposition to grant of patent	0	10	6
On every summons to witnesses.....	0	5	0
On hearing of every opposed application.....	1	0	0
On extension of patent	20	0	0
For every office copy (including the seal) per folio of seventy-			
two words	0	0	6
On deposit of any assignment, deed, licence, or other document			
affecting proprietorship of patent.....	1	0	0
On every search, including inspection	0	2	6
Annual fee for licence to patent agent	5	0	0