

RAILWAY TRAFFIC RETURNS FOR THE YEAR 1871.

Railways.	Passengers.	Mails and Sundries	Freight.	Total 1871.	Total 1870.	Miles 1871.	Miles 1870.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Great Western Railway..	1,469,150	113,614	2,853,544	4,436,308	4,037,357	357½	351½
Grand Trunk Railway....	2,380,316	296,500	5,319,650	7,996,466	7,566,082	1,377	1,377
London and Port Stanley Railway (8 months)....	15,143	950	19,765	35,863	41,533	24½	24½
Welland Railway.....	17,454	9,698	98,698	125,848	74,702	25	25
Northern Railway.....	175,017	24,550	506,006	705,603	733,541	97	97
Midland Railway of Canada (8 months).....	3,351	2,302	156,088	193,741	6,817	56	56
Cobourg, Peterboro and Marmora (5 months)...	681	.....	24,578	25,259	44,354	22	22
Brockville & Ottawa (6 months).....	39,335	1,397	117,457	158,182	197,934	86	86
Canada Central (6 months)	12,577	2,070	3,327	17,974	7,544	.....	28
St. Lawrence & Ottawa...	68,751	11,834	48,665	129,253	141,211	54	54
Carillon & Grenville.....	.....	No ret'n.	No return.	.....	No ret'ns	.....	.....
Stanstead, Shefford and Chambly.....	.....	No ret'n.	No return.	6,789	No ret'ns	.....	.....
St. Lawrence & Industry (6 months).....	2,763	.....	4,025	127,086	6,732	12	12
New Brunswick & Canada (7 months).....	24,178	719	102,189	262,032	78,063	115	116
European & North American (11 months).....	110,287	12,317	139,478	.....	191,942	108	108
Eastern Extension.....	.....	No ret'n.	No returns	.....	No ret'ns	.....	.....
Western Extension.....	.....	No ret'n.	No returns	.....	No ret'ns	.....	.....
Nova Scotia Railway (10 months).....	103,760	8,123	153,356	265,244	250,141	145	145
Windsor & Annapolis.....	.....	No ret'n.	No returns	.....	Not complete.	.....	.....
Totals.....	\$ 4,454,801	484,077	9,546,770	14,485,648	13,451,289	2,500	2,500

Patents.

It appears from the Report of the Minister of Agriculture that the number of Patents issued during 1871 was 512, against 556 during 1870, thus showing a slight decrease. In the number of applications for Patents there was also a decrease, the numbers being 579 against 626 in the corresponding year. The Patent and Trade Mark Fees received in 1871, amounted to \$14,097 07; in 1870, they were \$14,540 97. The receipts of the Patent Office are sufficient to cover the expenses. An Act was

passed during the last Session to enable foreigners to take out Patents in Canada. (See Legislation; also the Patent Forms in another part of the Year Book.)

Formerly Canadians were obliged to pay \$500 to take out a Patent in the United States, but now they are admitted on the same terms as United States citizens.

The following Table exhibits the proceedings of this Office since Confederation:—

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.
Applications for Patents.....	369	570	781	626	579
Patents granted.....	218	546	580	556	512
*Caveat.....	.....	.....	60	132	151
Transfers registered.....	193	337	470	431	445
Designs registered.....	5	6	12	24	22
Trade Marks registered.....	54	32	50	72	106
†Copyrights.....	.....	34	62	63	115
Timber Marks.....	.....	.....	.....	190	105
Fees received.....	\$ 8110 00	11052 00	14214 14	14540 07	14097 00

* There were no Caveats provided for in the old Law.

† Transferred from the Department of the Secretary of State.

COPYRIGHTS, TRADE MARKS, INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS AND TIMBER MARKS.

The business under the above heads which was formerly done in the Patent Office, now forms a separate branch of the Department of Agriculture. The number of registrations under the several heads is given in the preceding table. "Every applicant for a copyright is obliged to deposit in the Department of Agriculture two co-

pies of the book, map, chart, musical composition, photograph, print, cut or engraving, and in the case of paintings, drawings, statuary or sculptures, a written description of such as are intended to be copyrighted, one copy of all the works so deposited, is placed in the hands of the Librarian of Parliament, and the other is kept of record in the Department. The accumulation of these works is becoming considerable, and it already forms a valuable record of Canadian literature, science and art."