

482. During the year 1880, there were 1,144 patents granted, on which fees for the first period of 5 years were paid prior to their issue. Of these patents 910 expired in 1885, and 184 were kept in force by the payment of further fees. This fact shows that only a small percentage of Canadian patents remain in force for more than 5 years from the date of their issue.

483. It will be seen that the business of this office has increased nearly 500 per cent. since Confederation, and it is the only branch of any of the Departments where the receipts are in excess of the expenditure. The total amount of fees received in 1885 was more than six times as large as that of 1868, and there is every reason to suppose that the business will increase. Over 20,000 persons visited the model rooms during 1885.

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1868.....	34	34	32	32	6	6	72	72	183
1869.....	62	62	50	50	12	12	124	124	418
1870.....	66	66	72	72	23	23	190	190	351	351	877
1871.....	115	115	106	106	22	22	105	105	348	348	1,092
1872.....	87	83	103	103	17	17	64	64	271	267	11	927
1873.....	122	38	95	95	30	30	69	69	316	232	20	940
1874.....	134	55	163	163	30	30	41	41	368	289	19	1,339
1875.....	131	50	149	149	31	31	21	21	332	251	15	1,175
1876.....	178	57	238	238	47	47	17	17	480	359	33	1,758
1877.....	138	37	227	227	50	50	18	18	433	332	31	1,732
1878.....	193	61	223	223	40	40	10	10	466	334	14	1,671
1879.....	184	69	154	154	41	41	13	13	392	277	24	2,434
1880.....	185	93	113	113	40	40	19	19	357	265	28	3,806
1881.....	225	94	156	156	38	38	30	30	449	318	22	4,772
1882.....	224	87	160	160	45	45	21	21	450	313	64	4,956
1883.....	253	100	160	160	66	66	24	24	503	350	33	5,397
1884.....	281	129	196	196	68	68	14	14	559	407	49	6,273
1885.....	555	125	209	209	48	48	16	16	828	398	54	6,898

484. The above table shows the business done in this branch of the Patent Office since Confederation. The number of registrations, in 1885, was 269, and the fees received were \$626 in excess of the corresponding figures for 1884, while there was a decrease of nine in the number of certificates issued, as compared with previous year. Though the business has fluctuated considerably, there has been a very large increase since 1868. In that year, only 110 letters were received, and 128 sent, and in 1885, 1,542 letters were received, and 1,542 sent.