

Issue and
expiration
of patents.

434. During the year 1881 there were 1,510 patents granted, on which fees for the first period of 5 years were paid prior to their issue. Of these patents 1,284 expired in 1886, and 226 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.

Copyright,
trade
marks,
1867-1886.

435. The next table shows the business done in the branch referred to since Confederation. The number of registrations was 20 in excess of 1885, but there was a decrease of 23 in the number of certificates, and of \$103 in the amount of fees received. The increase in the business generally, since Confederation, will be seen to have been very large; in 1868 only 110 letters were received and 128 sent and in 1886 1,544 were received and 1,544 sent. There was an increase of 4 in the number of assignments of the different rights.

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| YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, | Copy- rights Regis- tered. | Trade Marks Regis- tered. | Indus- trial De- signs Regis- tered. | Timber Marks Regis- tered. | Total Number of Registra- tions. | Total Number of Certi- ficates. | Assign- ments Regis- tered. | Fees Received. |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1868..... | 34 | 32 | 6 | | 72 | 72 | | \$ 183 |
| 1869..... | 62 | 50 | 12 | | 124 | 124 | | 418 |
| 1870..... | 66 | 72 | 23 | 190 | 351 | 351 | | 877 |
| 1871..... | 115 | 106 | 22 | 105 | 348 | 348 | | 1,092 |
| 1872..... | 87 | 103 | 17 | 64 | 271 | 267 | 11 | 927 |
| 1873..... | 122 | 95 | 30 | 69 | 316 | 232 | 20 | 940 |
| 1874..... | 134 | 163 | 30 | 41 | 368 | 289 | 19 | 1,339 |
| 1875..... | 131 | 149 | 31 | 21 | 332 | 251 | 15 | 1,175 |
| 1876..... | 178 | 238 | 47 | 17 | 480 | 359 | 33 | 1,758 |
| 1877..... | 138 | 227 | 50 | 18 | 433 | 332 | 31 | 1,732 |
| 1878..... | 193 | 223 | 40 | 10 | 466 | 334 | 14 | 1,671 |
| 1879..... | 184 | 154 | 41 | 13 | 392 | 277 | 24 | 2,434 |
| 1880..... | 185 | 113 | 40 | 19 | 357 | 265 | 28 | 3,806 |
| 1881..... | 225 | 156 | 38 | 30 | 449 | 318 | 22 | 4,772 |
| 1882..... | 224 | 160 | 45 | 21 | 450 | 313 | 64 | 4,956 |
| 1883..... | 253 | 160 | 66 | 24 | 503 | 350 | 33 | 5,397 |
| 1884..... | 281 | 196 | 68 | 14 | 559 | 407 | 49 | 6,278 |
| 1885..... | 555 | 209 | 48 | 16 | 828 | 398 | 54 | 6,898 |
| 1886..... | 574 | 203 | 54 | 17 | 848 | 375 | 58 | 6,795 |