

460. The limit of duration of a patent is fifteen years which period can be reduced by the applicant to five or ten years, on payment of a proportionate fee. In 1882, there were 1,846 patents granted, of which 187 were for 15 years, 26 for 10 years, and the remainder, 1,633, for five years, and of this last number, 1,382 were allowed to lapse at the expiration of the term, showing that the large majority of Canadian patents are not kept in force for more than 5 years.

Duration
of Pa-
tents.

461. The business in the Copyrights and Trade Marks Branch also showed a very considerable increase, the receipts being \$1,603 in excess of those of 1886.

Copy-
rights and
Trade
Marks.

The following table shows the large increase in the business of this branch since Confederation:—

COPYRIGHTS, TRADE MARKS, INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS AND TIMBER MARKS REGISTERED IN CANADA, 1868 TO 1887.

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 Regis- trations.	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	73	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	1,176
1876.....	178	238	47	17	480	359	33	1,758
1877.....	133	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	6,273
1885.....	555	209	48	16	828	398	54	6,898
1886.....	574	203	54	17	848	375	58	6,795
1887.....	554	245	105	16	920	533	56	8,192