BUSINESS OF THE PATENT OFFICE OF CANADA, 1868-1888.

Year ended 30th June,	Applications for Patents	Patents	Certifi- cates.	Totals.	Caveats	Assign- ments of Patents.	
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1868	570	546	.,	546		337	11,052
1869	781	588		588	*60	470	14,214
1870	626	556		556	132	431	14,540
1871	579	509		509	151	445	14,097
1872	752	671		671	184	327	19,578
1873	1,124	1,016	10	1,026	171	547	29,830
1874	1,376	1,218	27	1,245	200	711	34,301
1875	1.418	1,266	57	1,323	194	791	34,555
1876	1,548	1,337	46	1,383	185	76 L	36,187
1877	1.445	1.277	75	1,352	168	841	35,388
1878	1.428	1,172	96	1,268	172	832	33,663
1879	1,358	1,137	101 :	1,238	203	728	33,303
1880	1,601	1.252	156	1,408	227	855	42,141
881	1,955	1.510	222	1.732	226	907	52,856
882	2,266	,846	291	2,137	198	955	60,811
1883	2,641	2,178	291	2,469	242	1.052	73,023
.884	2,681	2,456	167	2,623	238	1,172	69,530
885	2,549	2,233	214	2,447	222	1,075	69,075
886	2,776	2,610	250	2,860	197	1,322	73,949
887	2.874	2,596	254	2,850	219	1,335	76,133
.888	2,747	2,257	282	2,539	240	1,159	74,508
Total	35,095	30,231	2,539	32,770	3,829	17,053	902,740

^{*} There were no caveats until 1869.

564. The limit of duration of a patent is fifteen years Duration which period can be reduced by the applicant to five or ten years on payment of a proportionate fee. In 1883 there were 2,178 patents granted, of which 184 were for 15 years, 29 for 10 years, and the remainder, 1,965, for 5 years, and of this last number 1,732 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.

565. The Model Museum, which is designed to be a school Model Museum. of instruction in every department of science and mechanical invention, attracts large numbers of visitors, but the limited