

Business
of the Pa-
tent Office,
1868-1889.

703. The following table shows the different transactions of the Patent Office in each year since 1st July, 1867:—

BUSINESS OF THE PATENT OFFICE OF CANADA, 1868-1869

YLAR ENDED 30TH JUNE	Appli- cations for Patents.	Patents.	Certifi- cates.	Totals.	Caveats.	Assign- ments of Patents.	Fees Received, including Designs and Trade Marks.
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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	761	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
1881	1,955	1,510	222	1,732	226	907	52,856
1882	2,266	1,846	291	2,137	198	955	60,811
1883	2,641	2,178	291	2,469	242	1,052	73,023
1884	2,681	2,456	167	2,623	238	1,172	69,530
1885	2,549	2,233	214	2,447	222	1,075	69,075
1886	2,776	2,610	250	2,860	197	1,322	73,949
1887	2,874	2,596	254	2,850	219	1,335	76,133
1888	2,747	2,257	282	2,539	240	1,159	74,508
1889	3,279	2,725	356	3,081	221	1,437	87,158
Total	38,374	32,956	2,895	35,851	4,050	18,490	989,898

* There were no caveats until 1869.

Duration
of patents.

704. 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 1884 there were 2,456 patents granted, of which 84 were for fifteen years, 15 for ten years, and the remainder, 2,357, for five years, and of this last number 2,048 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 five years.