

	Convictions.
1884.....	8,537
1885.....	10,427
1886.....	10,136
1887.....	10,895
1888.....	11,922
1889.....	12,841
1890.....	13,528

PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS.

681. The business transacted by the Patent Office in 1891 was not so large as in the previous year, the receipts for fees showing a decrease of \$7,066 as compared with 1890, but an increase of \$75,909 over 1868. The Patent Office.

682. The following table shows the different transactions of the Patent Office in each year since 1st July, 1867 :— Business of the Patent Office, 1868-1891.

BUSINESS OF THE PATENT OFFICE OF CANADA, 1868-1891.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Applica- tions for Patents.	Patents.	Certifi- cates.	Totals.	Caveats	Assign- ments of Patents.	Fees received, including Designs and Trade Marks.
							\$
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	35,888
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
1890.....	3,560	2,428	369	2,797	248	1,307	94,027
1891.....	3,233	2,343	393	2,736	215	1,231	86,961
Total.....	45,167	37,727	3,657	41,384	4,513	21,028	1,170,886

* There were no caveats until 1869.

683. 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 Duration of patents.