

aid in the province of Quebec to charities generally, making a total Government expenditure of \$1,401,420. It is probable that the Government aid actually amounted to a larger sum, but it is difficult to get the exact figures from the various provincial accounts.

PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS.

The
Patent
Office.

892. There has been a decrease in the business transacted by the Patent Office during the last two years, the receipts for fees in 1892 showing a decrease of \$248 during the year, and of \$7,314 as compared with 1890. There was, however, an increase of \$75,661 over 1868.

Business of
the Patent
Office,
1868-1892.

893. 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, 1868-1892.

YEAR END 30TH JUNE.	Applica- tions 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	19,579
1873.....	1,124	1,016	10	1,026	171	547	29,830
1874.....	1,376	1,218	27	1,245	200	711	34,302
1875.....	1,418	1,266	57	1,323	194	791	34,556
1876.....	1,548	1,337	46	1,383	185	761	36,188
1877.....	1,445	1,277	75	1,352	168	841	35,388
1878.....	1,428	1,172	96	1,268	172	832	33,664
1879.....	1,358	1,137	101	1,238	203	728	33,304
1880.....	1,601	1,252	156	1,408	227	855	42,141
1881.....	1,955	1,510	222	1,732	226	907	52,857
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	69,531
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	87,159
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
1892.....	3,176	3,417	415	3,832	242	1,500	86,713
Total.....	48,343	41,144	4,072	45,216	4,755	22,528	1,257,602

* There were no caveats until 1869.

Duration
of patents.

894. The limit of duration of a patent was formerly fifteen years, but by the Act 55-56 Vic., c. 24 (1892), this was extended to eighteen years, which period can be reduced by the applicant to six or twelve years on payment of a proportionate fee. In 1887 there were 2,596