

Since 1886 the total number of immigrants arrived is 13,919, of whom 13,633 paid fees amounting to \$697,153. Of this amount \$5,000 were refunded; the expenses connected with the Act were \$22,567. The share of the capitation fee paid to provinces was \$167,375.

During the same period, 1886-95, 7,237 persons have taken out certificates of leave or registered for leave. As a large number have left the country without registering, having no intention to return, the exact number in Canada is uncertain. The census of 1891 showed that there were in Canada 9,129 persons whose birthplace was China.

The year of largest number of arrivals was 1892, when 3,278 arrived. In 1895 the arrivals numbered 1,462.

### PATENT OFFICE.

1409. 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, 1868-95.

| YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE. | Applications for Patents. | Patents. | Certificates. | Totals. | Caveats. | Assignments 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                     | 19,579  |
| 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  |
| 1893†                 | 2,614                     | 3,153    | 292           | 3,445   | 229      | 1,345                   | 71,864  |
| 1894                  | 3,291                     | 2,756    | 462           | 3,218   | 301      | 1,445                   | 90,146  |
| 1895                  | 3,387                     | 3,074    | 422           | 3,496   | 343      | 1,550                   | 98,032  |
| Total                 | 57,635                    | 47,127   | 5,248         | 55,375  | 5,628    | 26,868                  | 1,517,644   |

\* There were no caveats until 1869. † For 10 months.

1410. The limit of duration of a patent was formerly fifteen years, but by the Act 55-56 Vic., Chap. 24 (1892), this was extended to eighteen years, which period can be reduced by the applicant to six or twelve years on