

PATENT OFFICE.

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

BUSINESS OF THE PATENT OFFICE IN CANADA, 1868-98.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Application for Patents.	Patents.	Certificates.	Totals.	Caveats.	Assignments 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
†1893, 31st of October.....	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
1896 " " .....	3,728	3,488	413	3,901	306	1,420	104,112
1897 " " .....	4,300	4,013	284	4,297	377	1,551	116,220
1898 " " .....	4,200	3,611	262	3,873	363	1,657	112,897
Total .....	69,863	58,239	6,207	67,446	6,674	31,496	1,850,873

\* There were no caveats until 1869.

† For 10 months.

The patentees in 1898 resided in the following countries, viz : Canada, 710 ; England, 261 ; United States, 2,312 ; France, 39 ; Germany, 124 ; other countries, 165.

The Canadian patentees were distributed among the provinces of the Dominion in 1898 as follows :—

Ontario.....	383	Manitoba and N. W. Territories.....	45
Quebec.....	171	British Columbia.....	54
Nova Scotia.....	27	Prince Edward Island.....	4
New Brunswick.....	26		

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