

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 payment of a proportionate fee.

The following table shows the business of the copyrights and trademarks branch since Confederation:—

COPYRIGHTS, TRADE MARKS, INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS AND TIMBER MARKS REGISTERED IN CANADA, 1868-99.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Copyrights Registered.	Trade Marks Registered.	Industrial Designs Registered.	Timber Marks Registered.	Total Number of Registrations.	Total Number of Certificates.	Assignments Registered.	Fees received.
1868	34	32	6	..	72	72	..	183
1869	62	50	12	..	124	124	..	418
1870	66	72	23	190	351	351	..	877
1871	115	106	22	105	348	348	..	1,092
1872	87	103	17	64	271	267	11	927
1873	122	95	30	69	316	232	20	940
1874	134	163	30	61	368	289	19	1,340
1875	131	149	31	21	332	251	15	1,175
1876	178	238	47	17	480	359	33	1,758
1877	138	227	50	18	433	332	31	1,733
1878	184	154	40	10	466	334	14	1,671
1879	185	113	40	13	392	277	24	2,435
1880	225	156	38	19	357	265	28	3,806
1881	225	160	45	21	449	318	22	4,773
1882	253	160	66	24	450	313	64	4,956
1883	281	196	68	14	559	407	49	6,273
1884	555	209	48	16	828	398	54	6,890
1885	574	203	54	17	848	375	58	6,795
1886	554	245	105	16	920	533	56	8,193
1887	564	288	71	29	954	555	71	9,263
1888	616	280	88	26	1,010	572	49	9,112
1889	688	293	68	21	1,070	604	104	9,376
1890	888	307	129	11	988	621	51	9,237
1891	541	294	30	27	887	510	66	9,496
1892	536	257	41	19	792	432	55	8,013
1893	475	311	39	20	916	586	77	9,464
1894	546	374	52	20	1,047	609	70	11,673
1895	601	331	68	14	1,066	625	161	10,580
1896	653	446	75	13	1,290	807	94	14,102
1897	756	423	136	15	1,308	849	114	13,537
1898	734	430	112	5	1,249	784	117	14,161
1899	702	430	112	5	1,249	784	117	14,161