

## TRADE AND COMMERCE

## PATENTS.

Applications for patents in Canada from inventors in other countries were first received in 1872. In that year the total number of applications for patents made to the Canadian Patent Office, Department of Agriculture, was 752, and the total fees amounted to \$18,652. The business of the Office has continued gradually to expand, and the number of applications and total fees have increased each year without a break since the beginning of the present century until the fiscal year ended March 31, 1913, when 8,681 applications were received, and the total fees amounted to \$218,125. The number of patents granted in the fiscal year 1914-15 was 6,867, as compared with 7,918 in 1913-14. Of the total number of patents granted in the fiscal years 1914-15, 4,645 were issued to inventors or assignees resident in the United States, this number being 68 p.c. of the total. Patents to Canadian inventors numbered 1,281, the other principal countries in order of the number of patents granted being Great Britain 450, Germany 107, France 83, and Australia 76. Table 54 shows the distribution of the Canadian patentees by province of residence for the years 1907 to 1915.

54.—Number of Canadian Patentees by Province of Residence for the fiscal years 1907-1915.

Provinces.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island	2	2	3	2	-	-	4	2	2
Nova Scotia.....	30	27	24	29	31	30	20	39	33
New Brunswick....	25	25	18	30	23	17	25	30	20
Quebec.....	225	178	205	267	271	233	277	278	278
Ontario.....	465	424	467	610	610	531	584	607	586
Manitoba.....	72	61	71	88	102	72	105	115	97
Saskatchewan.....	25	15	32	40	47	47	58	59	66
Alberta.....	18	25	28	39	54	56	61	46	71
British Columbia...	57	52	51	90	108	97	122	157	126
Territories and Yukon	1	6	4	3	-	-	-	1	2
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>1,198</b>	<b>1,246</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>1,256</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>1,281</b>