

## 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 1915-16 was 6,812, as compared with 6,867 in 1914-15. Of the total number of patents granted in the fiscal years 1915-16, 4,972 were issued to inventors or assignees resident in the United States, this number being 73 p.c. of the total. Patents to Canadian inventors numbered 1,125, the other principal countries in order of the number of patents granted being Great Britain 360, Australia 76, France 55, and Sweden 44. Table 39 shows the distribution of the Canadian patentees by province of residence for the years 1908 to 1916.

39.—Number of Canadian Patentees by Province of Residence for the fiscal years 1908-1916.

Provinces.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island	2	3	2	-	-	4	2	2	3
Nova Scotia.	27	24	29	31	30	20	39	33	21
New Brunswick.	25	18	30	23	17	25	30	20	17
Quebec.	178	205	267	271	233	277	278	278	237
Ontario....	424	467	610	610	531	584	607	586	540
Manitoba...	61	71	88	102	72	105	115	97	89
Saskatchewan.	15	32	40	47	47	56	59	66	65
Alberta.....	25	28	39	54	56	61	46	71	60
British Columbia.	52	51	90	108	97	122	157	126	92
Territories and Yukon	6	4	3	-	-	-	1	2	1
<b>Totals.</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>1,198</b>	<b>1,246</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>1,256</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>1,281</b>	<b>1,125</b>