

the number of patentees in relation to population shows that, for the fiscal year 1926, the greatest relative inventiveness was displayed in British Columbia. Thus, in this province, in 1926, one patent was granted for every 3,789 persons, the other provinces, as regards the number of persons to each patent granted, being placed in order as follows:—Ontario, 5,607, Alberta, 7,018, Quebec, 9,418, Saskatchewan, 9,448, Manitoba, 9,785, New Brunswick, 16,967, Nova Scotia, 18,000, and P.E. Island, 43,500.

58.—Statistics of Patents applied for, granted, etc., fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1922-1926.

Items.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.
Applications for patents.....No.	12,274	10,806	10,441	14,834	11,133
Patents granted....."	7,393	12,542	9,000	9,508	11,001
Certificates for renewal fees....."	2,620	2,127	1,793	1,485	1,761
Caveats granted....."	420	452	415	392	396
Assignments....."	5,451	5,143	5,061	7,519	5,948
Fees received, net.....\$	390,207	413,238	390,934	474,614	455,211

Copyrights.—The first Canadian Copyright Act was passed by the Legislature of Lower Canada on Feb. 25, 1832 (2 William IV, c. 53). This Act was repealed and replaced by an Act of the Province of Canada relating to copyright, passed in 1841 (4-5 Vict., c. 61), allowing copyright to any resident of the province on depositing with the Provincial Registrar a copy of the work and printing in the work a notice of the entry. In 1842 an Imperial Act (5-6 Vict., c. 45) gave to a work first published in the United Kingdom protection throughout the Empire. As at the time the United States had no agreement with the United Kingdom as to copyrights, United States publishers reprinted in cheap editions books copyrighted in the United Kingdom, and many such books naturally found their way into Canada. By the Foreign Reprints Act of 1847 (10-11 Vict., c. 95), the Imperial Government made it possible for Canadians to secure these cheap editions on making provisions safeguarding the rights of the British authors. This was done by Canada in 1850 by an "Act to impose a Duty on Foreign Reprints of British Copyright Works" (13-14 Vict., c. 6), and the duty so imposed was continued by the first Dominion Act of 1868 (31 Vict., cc. 54 and 56), the latter Act authorizing the Governor in Council to impose a duty not exceeding 20 p.c. *ad valorem* on such reprints and to distribute the proceeds among the owners of the copyrights.

By the B.N.A. Act, exclusive legislative authority in matters of copyright was assigned to the Dominion Parliament. In 1875 an Act was passed (38 Vict., c. 88), allowing a copyright for 28 years to persons domiciled in Canada or in any British possession, or who, being citizens of any country having an international copyright agreement with the United Kingdom, had registered their claim and complied with the usual conditions.

In 1886 an International Copyright Act (49-50 Vict., c. 33), was passed by the Imperial Parliament, giving to Queen Victoria the right to accede to the Berne Convention. As Canada thus became a member of the Berne Convention, with the privilege of withdrawal, books published in Canada by Canadians secured the same privileges as books published first in the United Kingdom, an author of any country subscribing to the Convention obtaining in any other country in the union the same rights as an author of that country. An Imperial Act of 1911 set forth general copyright regulations for the Empire.