

fact that in 1923 alone 2,021 Canadian patents, a record figure, were issued to Canadians by the Patent Office.

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 gradually continued to expand and the number of applications and total fees increased each year without a break from the beginning of the present century until the fiscal year ended Mar. 31, 1913, when 8,681 applications were received and the total fees amounted to \$218,125. In the fiscal year ended Mar. 31, 1928, there were 11,845 applications, with fees amounting to \$412,146, as compared with 11,406 and \$438,690 respectively in 1927. For the fiscal year ended Mar. 31, 1928, the number of patents granted was 9,518, as compared with 10,018 in 1927, a decrease of 500. Of the patents of 1928, 6,287 or 66 p.c. were issued to United States inventors, 1,285 to Canadians and 712 to residents of Great Britain and Ireland, while Germany with 419, France with 197 and Australia with 119, came next in number of inventors to whom patents were issued. Table 21 shows the distribution of the Canadian patentees for the years 1918 to 1928 by province of residence.

21.—Number of Canadian Patentees, by Province of Residence, for the fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1918-1928.

Provinces.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island.....	3	-	9	2	4	9	7	2	2	5	3
Nova Scotia.....	18	21	29	29	22	35	41	26	30	19	24
New Brunswick.....	14	9	22	33	14	21	14	24	24	21	12
Quebec.....	220	172	312	331	276	430	312	302	272	320	298
Ontario.....	398	386	636	708	508	845	673	559	561	499	537
Manitoba.....	91	66	86	118	75	158	83	66	68	89	71
Saskatchewan.....	84	76	94	119	101	166	106	101	90	68	100
Alberta.....	61	75	116	127	96	155	123	95	96	82	88
British Columbia.....	85	70	147	177	103	202	174	127	150	129	152
Yukon and N.W.T.....	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total.....	873	875	1,451	1,645	1,199	2,021	1,533	1,302	1,292	1,232	1,285

It will be seen from the table that the more populous provinces of Ontario and Quebec obtained the largest absolute number of patents, but a calculation of the number of patentees in relation to population shows that, for the fiscal year 1928, the greatest relative inventiveness was displayed in British Columbia. Thus, in this province, in 1928, one patent was granted for every 3,835 persons, the other provinces, as regards the number of persons to each patent granted, being placed in order as follows:—Ontario, 6,010; Alberta, 7,180; Saskatchewan, 8,510; Quebec, 8,880; Manitoba, 9,225; Nova Scotia, 22,780; P.E. Island, 28,800; and New Brunswick, 34,580.

22.—Statistics of Patents applied for, granted, etc., fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1924-1928.

Items.		1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.
Applications for patents.....	No	10,441	14,834	11,133	11,406	11,845
Patents granted.....	"	9,000	9,508	11,001	10,018	9,518
Certificates for renewal fees.....	"	1,793	1,485	1,761	2,264	319
Caveats granted.....	"	415	392	396	397	370
Assignments.....	"	5,061	7,519	5,948	6,409	7,011
Fees received, net.....	\$	390,934	474,614	455,211	438,690	412,146