

**23.—Numbers of Canadian Patentees, by Province of Residence, for the fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1923-34.**

Province.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island..	9	7	2	2	5	3	1	3	3	2	—	1
Nova Scotia.....	35	41	26	30	19	24	16	17	14	18	14	16
New Brunswick.....	21	14	24	24	21	12	17	16	18	6	14	8
Quebec.....	430	312	302	272	320	298	293	282	265	272	257	236
Ontario.....	845	673	559	561	499	537	538	500	491	504	462	475
Manitoba.....	158	83	66	68	89	71	61	72	74	47	71	42
Saskatchewan.....	166	106	101	90	68	100	93	81	66	55	37	52
Alberta.....	155	123	95	95	82	88	98	71	76	63	35	48
British Columbia.....	202	174	127	150	129	152	148	126	101	117	113	104
Yukon and N.W.T.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>2,021</b>	<b>1,533</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>1,169</b>	<b>1,109</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>982</b>

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 1934, the greatest relative inventiveness was displayed in British Columbia, with one patent granted for every 6,971 persons, while Ontario had one for every 7,507 persons and Quebec one for every 12,805 persons.

As will be seen from Table 24 the increased activity in invention which was manifested during the fiscal year ended 1929 was still more marked in the fiscal year ended 1930; there has been a decline in each year since then. Apparently the industrial depression has extended its baneful influence over this field also. In the latest year applications for patents were distributed pretty well over the whole field of invention without showing outstanding trends along any particular lines.

**24.—Statistics of Patents Applied for, Granted, etc., fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1929-31.**

Item.		1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
Applications for patents.....	No.	13,062	14,288	13,299	11,940	10,145	9,267
Patents granted.....	"	9,335	10,401	11,262	11,124	10,241	9,124
Certificates for renewal fees.....	"	404	149	52	40	11	10
Caveats granted.....	"	334	363	352	383	470	466
Assignments.....	"	8,227	9,505	9,190	9,001	7,354	6,577
Fees received, net.....	\$	434,498	478,327	472,636	444,110	393,067	362,146

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