

theirs at later dates. In 1849, after the Union, a consolidating Act was passed applying to both Upper and Lower Canada, and the B.N.A. Act assigned the granting of patents exclusively to the Parliament of Canada. The Dominion Patent Act of 1869 repealed the provincial Acts and has formed the basis of all succeeding Acts.

Letters patent are now issued subject to the provisions of c. 150, R.S.C., 1927 (as amended by c. 4, 1928, c. 34, 1930, c. 21, 1932, and c. 32, 1935), and application for protection relating to the same should be addressed to the Commissioner of Patents, Ottawa, Canada.

Invention means any new and useful art, process, machine, manufacture or composition of matter or any new and useful improvement in any art, process, machine, manufacture or composition of matter.

The growth of Canadian inventions is shown by the fact that 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, 1935, there were 9,404 applications, with fees amounting to \$353,460, as shown in Table 23. Of the patents of 1935, 5,624 or 64 p.c. were issued to United States' inventors, 885 to Canadians and 901 to residents of Great Britain and Ireland, while Germany with 544, France with 180, Switzerland with 89, and Sweden with 83 came next in the number of inventors to whom patents were issued. Applications for patents were distributed pretty well over the whole field of invention without showing outstanding trends along any particular lines.

22.—Numbers of Canadian Patentees, by Province of Residence, for the fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1924-35.

Province.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island...	7	2	2	5	3	1	3	3	2	-	1	2
Nova Scotia.....	41	26	30	19	24	16	17	14	18	14	16	9
New Brunswick.....	14	24	24	21	12	17	16	18	6	14	8	7
Quebec.....	312	302	272	320	298	293	282	265	272	257	236	227
Ontario.....	673	559	561	499	537	538	500	491	504	462	475	429
Manitoba.....	83	66	68	89	71	61	72	74	47	71	42	34
Saskatchewan.....	106	101	90	68	100	93	81	66	55	37	52	45
Alberta.....	123	95	95	82	88	98	71	76	63	35	48	43
British Columbia.....	174	127	150	129	152	148	126	101	117	113	104	89
Yukon and N.W.T.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Totals.....	1,533	1,302	1,292	1,232	1,235	1,265	1,169	1,109	1,084	1,003	982	885

23.—Statistics of Patents Applied for, Granted, etc., fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1930-35.

Item.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.
Applications for patents.....No.	14,288	13,299	11,940	10,145	9,267	9,404
Patents granted....."	10,401	11,262	11,124	10,241	9,124	8,713
Certificates for renewal fees....."	149	52	40	11	10	12
Caveats granted....."	363	352	383	470	466	445
Assignments....."	9,505	9,190	9,001	7,354	6,577	6,840
Fees received, net.....\$	478,327	472,636	444,110	393,067	362,146	353,460