

Copyrights, Industrial Designs and Timber Marks.—Registration of copyright is governed by the Copyright Act (R.S.C. 1952, c. 55) in force since 1921. Applications for protection relating to copyrights should be addressed to the Commissioner of Patents, Ottawa.

The Act sets out the qualifications for a copyright and its duration: "Copyrights shall subsist in Canada . . . in every original literary, dramatic, musical and artistic work, if the author was, at the date of the making of the work, a British subject, a citizen or subject of a foreign country which has adhered to the Berne Convention and the additional Protocol . . . or resident within Her Majesty's Dominions. The term for which the copyright shall subsist shall, except as otherwise expressly provided by this Act, be the life of the author and a period of fifty years after his death."

Copyright protection is extended to records, perforated rolls, cinematographic films, and other contrivances by means of which a work may be mechanically performed. The intention of the Act is to enable Canadian authors to obtain full copyright protection in Canada, in all parts of the Commonwealth, in foreign countries of the Copyright Union and in the United States of America.

Protection of industrial designs and of timber marks is afforded under the Trade Mark and Union Label Act and the Timber Marking Act. Registers of such designs and marks are kept by the Copyright Branch of the Patent Office and information regarding them is published in the *Patent Office Record*.

3.—Copyrights, Industrial Designs and Timber Marks Registered, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1954-58

Item	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Copyrights registered No.	5,060	5,193	5,151	5,099	5,052
Industrial designs registered	560	286	586	601	665
Timber marks registered	2	10	6	9	3
Assignments registered	548	617	731	796	735
Fees received, net \$	21,181	21,324	21,747	21,628	21,986

Trade Marks.—The Trade Marks Office, a Branch of the Department of the Secretary of State, administers the Trade Marks Act (1-2 Eliz. II, c. 49) which covers all legislation concerning the registration and use of trade marks and supersedes from July 1, 1954, former legislation enacted under the Unfair Competition Act, the Industrial Design and Union Label Act and the Shop Cards Registration Act. All correspondence relating to an application for registration of a trade mark or for the use of a trade mark should be addressed to the Registrar of Trade Marks, Ottawa.

A *Trade Marks Journal* is published weekly giving particulars of every registration of a trade mark and every registration of a registered user, as well as other advertisements and rulings required under the Act. The required fee payable on application for registration of a trade mark is \$25 and for registration of a person as a registered user of a trade mark, \$20.

4.—Trade Marks Registered, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1954-58

Item	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Trade marks registered No.	3,832	3,377	2,911	3,508	3,769
Trade mark registrations assigned	2,063	2,040	2,652	1,858	3,078
Trade mark registrations renewed	1,963	2,812	2,035	2,002	3,434
Certified copies prepared	590	678	689	716	1,069
Fees received, net \$	159,191	222,029	326,619	260,305	273,558