

## 2.—Patents Applied for, Granted, etc., Years Ended Mar. 31, 1955-59

Item		1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
Applications for patents.....	No.	19,448	21,048	21,762	22,257	22,912
Patents granted.....	"	10,282	11,862	15,513	16,261	18,293
Granted to Canadians.....	"	570	668	761	778	1,616
Caveats granted.....	"	337	289	245	242	296
Assignments.....	"	20,062	17,783	19,124	19,744	20,208
Fees received, net.....	\$	1,086,278	1,234,810	1,405,136	1,438,218	1,583,145

The number of Canadian patents granted increased fairly steadily each year from 4,522 at the beginning of the century to a peak of 18,293 in the year ended Mar. 31, 1959. Roughly, 70 p.c. of the patents granted were to residents of the United States, 10 p.c. to residents of the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth countries and 5 p.c. to residents of Canada.

Printed copies of patents issued from Jan. 1, 1948 to date are available at a nominal fee. The Canadian *Patent Office Record* gives a brief digest of each patent.

Canadian and foreign patents may be consulted at the Patent Office Library. The Library has records of British patents and abridged specifications thereof from 1617 to date, and of United States patents from 1872 to date, as well as many patents, indexes, journals and reports from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan, France, Belgium, Austria, Norway, Mexico, Italy, Sweden, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Japan, Korea and Brazil.

**Copyrights, Industrial Designs and Timber Marks.**—Registration of copyright is governed by Copyright Act (RSC 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, 1955-59

Item		1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
Copyrights registered.....	No.	5,193	5,151	5,099	5,052	5,331
Industrial designs registered.....	"	286	586	601	665	684
Timber marks registered.....	"	10	6	9	3	7
Assignments registered.....	"	617	731	796	735	640
Fees received, net.....	\$	21,324	21,747	21,628	21,986	23,440