

The following table shows the same for the same year, of persons of *British origin* only:—

Country of Emigration and Immigration.	Emigrants from Gt. Britain.	Immigrants to Gt. Britain.
United States	51,554	54,697
B. N. America.	9,335	6,629
Australasia	32,196	2,579
All other places	13,384	7,499
Total	109,409	71,404

The above figures of emigration from and immigration to British N. America do not agree with those published by the Canadian Government. The explanation given to the Committee of the House of Commons by the Department of Agriculture is that the classification of the Imperial returns is simply that of emigrant passengers to British America or United States ports; while it is known that very large numbers of immigrants enter Canada by way of Portland, Maine and the Suspension Bridge. The latter are all classed in the Imperial returns as emigrants to the United States.

Patents, Copyrights and Trade Marks.

The total number of cases of Patents, Copyrights and Trade Marks in 1876 brought before the Department was 4,389. There were 1,548 applications for Patents; 1,382 Patents granted; 185 Caveats; 761 transfers of Patents; 47 Designs registered; 238 Trade Marks registered; 178 Copyrights registered; 17 Timber Marks registered; 33 assignments of Copyrights; and \$36,187.63 fees taken.

Among the applications in 1876 for patents, 19 were rejected during the year for want of novelty.

1,305 patents were granted for terms of five years; 21 for ten years; and 56 for fifteen years.

The Patentees of 1874, 1875 and 1876, were resident in the following countries:

	1874.	1875.	1876.
Canada	528	521	575
England	43	44	51
United States	665	748	736
France	3	3	8
Germany	2	2	3
Russia	1	1	1
Austria	4	1	1
Turkey	1	1	1
Italy	2	1	1
Switzerland	1	1	1
Chili	1	1	1
Other Countries	1	1	8
Total	1,249	1,320	1,382

The Canadian Patentees were distributed among the Provinces as follows:

	1874.	1875.	1876.
Ontario	340	348	380
Quebec	144	134	152
New Brunswick	19	24	19
Nova Scotia	14	14	21
Prince Edward Island	4	1	1
British Columbia	1	1	2
Manitoba	1	1	1
Total	528	521	575

Four hundred and sixty-eight patents out of 495, issued in 1871 for a term of five years, were allowed to expire during the last year; 27 only of the patents granted in 1871 having been renewed.

Post Office of the Dominion.

It was announced in the *Canada Gazette* of Nov. 3rd, 1877, by the Postmaster General, that *Stamped Envelopes* are to be introduced, and are now offered for sale by postmasters and stamp vendors. We believe that these will be found to be of great convenience. They are to be sold at the following rates:

	Per Hundred.	For Ten.	For Single Envelopes.
1 cent Envelopes	\$ 1 30	13 cents	2 cents or 3 cts for 2.
3 cents, No. 1 Size.	3 30	33	4 cents or 7 cts. for 2.
do No. 2 Size.	3 35	34	4 cents or 7 cts. for 2.