

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 Canadian *Patent Office Record*.

3.—Copyrights, Industrial Designs and Timber Marks Registered, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1951-55

Item	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Copyrights registered..... No.	4,700	4,676	4,976	5,060	5,193
Industrial designs registered..... "	628	480	431	560	286
Timber marks registered..... "	4	10	1	2	10
Assignments registered..... "	512	497	523	548	617
Fees received, net..... \$	19,848	19,382	20,681	21,181	21,324

Trade Marks.—The Trade Marks Office, a Branch of the Department of the Secretary of State, is charged with the administration of the Trade Marks Act (1-2 Elizabeth II, c. 49) which covers all legislation concerning the registration and use of trade marks and supercedes 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, 1951-55

Item	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Trade marks registered..... No.	3,309	2,806	2,981	3,832	3,377
Trade mark registrations assigned..... "	1,665	1,535	1,499	2,063	2,040
Trade mark registrations renewed..... "	2,085	2,266	2,139	1,963	2,812
Certified copies prepared..... "	699	619	541	590	678
Fees received, net..... \$	132,744	127,053	138,524	159,191	222,029