

Sec. 56. The fees now payable in connection with trade mark applications are set out in Section 49 of the *Trade Mark and Design Act* as follows:—

'49. The following shall be the fees in respect to registration under this Act which shall be paid to the Minister in advance, that is to say:—

On every application to register a general trade mark, including certificate.....	\$30 00
On every application to register a specific trade mark or union label, including certificate.....	25 00
On every application for the renewal of the registration of a specific trade mark, including certificate.....	20 00

For a copy of every certificate of registration separate from the return of the duplicate.....

For the recording of every assignment.....

For copies of documents not above mentioned, for every hundred words or for every fraction thereof.....

For each copy of any drawing or emblematic trade mark or union label, and for each of any drawn copy of an industrial design, the reasonable expense of preparing the same. R.S., c. 71, s. 46; 1927, c. 71, s. 11."

The above fees payable for the registration of trade marks are higher than those made in all but two other countries in the world and are so high as seriously to reduce the number of trade marks registered. It is of substantial public importance that the register of trade marks should be as complete as possible, the law in some countries going so far as to direct the collection and indexing by its Trade Mark Office of unregistered marks. The proposed new scale of fees is designed to secure the registration of as large a proportion as possible of the trade marks actually in use.

Sec. 58. So far as concerns particulars of registrations, this section directs the fulfilment of the obligation imposed by Ar. 12 of the Convention which is quoted in the note to sec. 22, *supra*. The advantage of extending the requirement of publication to rulings constituting precedents is obvious.