

IV.—PATENTS.

The following Table contains a summary of the business of the Canadian Patent Office, from 1855 to 1879, inclusive:—

Years.	Applications for Patents.	Patents granted.	Caveats filed.	Transfers of Patents registered.	Fees Received, including Designs and Trade Marks Branch.
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1855.....	99	92	32	1,911 30
1856.....	120	108	52	2,370 50
1857.....	126	115	54	2,406 76
1858.....	116	98	35	2,105 00
1859.....	142	112	.....	26	2,479 75
1860.....	170	150	.....	47	2,644 07
1861.....	160	142	.....	56	3,012 70
1862.....	180	160	.....	72	3,650 90
1863.....	207	156	.....	78	3,759 90
1864.....	170	145	.....	74	3,267 95
1865.....	184	162	.....	70	3,618 76
1866.....	274	263	.....	126	6,132 78
1867.....	369	218	.....	193	8,110 00
1868.....	570	546	.....	337	11,052 00
1869.....	781	580	*60	470	14,214 14
1870.....	626	556	132	431	14,540 07
1871.....	279	512	151	445	14,097 00
1872.....	752	670	184	327	19,578 65
1873.....	1,124	1,026	171	547	29,890 14
1874.....	1,376	1,249	200	711	34,301 98
1875.....	1,418	1,320	194	791	34,555 82
1876.....	1,548	1,382	185	761	36,187 63
1877.....	1,445	1,353	168	841	35,388 00
1878.....	1,428	1,264	172	832	33,663 67
1879.....	1,358	1,237	203	728	33,303 60

*There were no caveats until 1869.

From the above comparative statement it will be seen that there was a slight decrease in the business of the Patent Office during the past year, when compared with the year 1878.

The following statement shows the number of Patents for five years terms issued, and allowed to expire in the years named:—

In 1871.....	5 Years' Patents issued.....	495
1876.....	do allowed to expire.....	465
	Continued in force by renewal.....	27
In 1872.....	5 years' term, Patents issued.....	629
1877.....	do allowed to expire.....	572
	Continued in force by renewal.....	57