

During the year, 517 patents out of 556, issued in 1870, for a term of five years, were allowed to expire without being extended for a second term. So that, out of all the patents issued in 1870, only thirty-nine are now existing.

It has been found necessary, under the authority given by the Patent Act of 1872, to extend in some cases the period of two years from the date of the patent allowed to the patentee to begin the manufacture of his invention in Canada.

In two instances, conflicting applications were received at the same time for patents. Both cases were settled by arbitration and patents allowed to issue in accordance with the decisions of the arbitrators.

The Model Room continues to attract large numbers of visitors, including engineers and mechanics, frequenting it for the purpose of study. Although the space occupied by the Model Room is considerable, it is found to be quite inadequate to the requirements of the office, and it is most desirable that more space should be obtained in order that the models may be better classified and displayed, instead of being so closely crowded together on the shelves, as is necessary at the present time.

The *Illustrated Patent Record*, in connection with the *Mechanics Magazine*, continues to be published by the Burland-Desbarats Lithographic Co. to the entire satisfaction of the Department. This publication is really an honour to the country, both for the subject matter treated in it and the creditable manner in which the whole is brought out. The small, (for it is comparatively small) encouragement which is derived from the publication of the patents in this illustrated periodical, at greater length than the lists which were formerly inserted in the *Canada Gazette*, has been the means of creating a review which goes very far in educating Canadian mechanics in the scientific part of their callings and improving the taste and knowledge of the people at large.

Of 1,322 patents granted during the year, 1,216 were for terms of five years; forty-five for ten years, and sixty-one for fifteen years.

The applicants for patents during the years 1874 and 1875, were resident as follow:—

	1874.	1875.
Canada	528	521
England	43	44
United States.....	665	748
France.....	3	3
Germany	2	2
Russia	1
Austria	4	...
Turkey	1