

The following table shows a statistical statement of the business of the Department from the year 1864 to 1879, inclusive:

Years.	Letters Received.	Letters Sent.	No. of cases of Patents, Copyrights Trade Marks, &c.	Total number of immigrants.
1864	5,422	5,152	181	40,649
1865	6,694	7,638	200	47,103
1866	7,435	8,250	337	51,794
1867	7,571	10,679	840	57,873
1868	8,696	10,299	643	71,448
1869	9,516	13,654	965	74,365
1870	11,442	20,078	1,110	69,019
1871	18,416	21,709	2,035	65,722
1872	20,271	30,261	2,215	89,186
1873	22,216	31,786	3,204	99,109
1874	17,970	22,673	3,072	80,022
1875	15,623	17,927	4,923	43,458
1876	16,562	18,512	4,389	36,549
1877	21,796	30,079	4,271	35,285
1878	19,815	28,429	4,159	40,032
1879	27,259	22,419	4,190	61,052

The Legislative action of last Session of Parliament, with respect to my Department, consisted of the following, viz. :—

“ An Act respecting Census and Statistics.”

“ An Act respecting Trade Marks and Industrial Designs.”

✓ “ An Act to provide against infectious or contagious diseases respecting animals.”

The Departmental work necessitated by the first of these Acts, viz., Census and Statistics, has been, the preparation for the forthcoming Census, and emendation of Criminal Statistics; the first instalment of the latter, and to considerable extent, accompanies the present Report, in an Appendix forming a Supplement.

The subject of statistics is fraught with many difficulties, and before taking any steps in the matter, it required to be maturely studied on account of the magnitude of the work involved, as will be seen by a perusal of the annexed Reports on Insolvency and Criminal Statistics.

The new Act “ respecting Trade Marks and Industrial Designs” has worked admirably. It has had the desired effect of checking the accumulation of unmeaning and troublesome trade marks, and of giving an additional value by that means to such trade marks as are now taken out. The increase of the fees, at the same time