

FOREWORD

To obtain really valuable patent protection for an invention the application must be carefully and conscientiously prepared by an able and competent attorney of long and varied experience in all branches of patent law and patent office practice—that is, by a man who has made a specialty of patent law and practice for a number of years.

Preparing and prosecuting patent applications before the patent offices, and preparing and prosecuting suits in the courts to defend patents, is all law and requires a thorough and special legal training. No man should attempt such a task unless fully prepared. He should have first a thorough training in general law, and then a special training in all of the special law and statutes relating to patents. With such a foundation he is ready for the first early years of his practice. He should be quick to grasp ideas and able to make fine distinctions, and capable of preparing and presenting his arguments in a compelling and convincing manner. Add to this, many years' experience in practice before the patent offices of Canada, the United States and all foreign countries, and many years' practice before the courts, in patent cases, and you will have an attorney amply qualified to obtain for an inventor the fullest possible protection to which he is entitled.

A lawyer who has not specialized on patent law will tell you that he is not capable of handling a patent application. He will call in a man who has specialized on patent law. The differences between patent law and general law are as great as the differences between patent law and civil, mechanical, or electrical engineering, and the engineer will tell you so. The engineer frequently makes very valuable inventions, but he always goes to a specialist in patent law to get protection.