

The Canadian Patentees were distributed among the Provinces as follows :—

Years.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.
Ontario.....	344	348	380	340	315	306
Quebec.....	147	134	152	132	100	133
New Brunswick.....	19	24	19	22	16	16
Nova Scotia.....	14	14	21	34	17	16
Prince Edward Island.....	4	.....	.....	2	3	2
Manitoba.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	2
British Columbia.....	1	1	2	3	1	1
Totals.....	530	521	575	533	452	478

Four applications for Patents were found to be conflicting, and were settled by arbitration.

In seventeen cases the issue of Patents was objected to ; but, of these, five were allowed after alterations and modifications in the claims.

Many patentees have been unable to commence the manufacture of their inventions in Canada within the two years allowed by law after the granting of the Patent, and wherever the reasons appeared sufficient, a further term of a few months was granted under authority of section 28 of the Act.

Six re-issues of Patents were granted.

The correspondence of the Patent Branch continues to increase, also the demand for authenticated copies.

The Model Rooms continue to attract many visitors. Although all visitors do not inscribe their names in the Visiting Book the compilation of the signatures gives an idea of the number of persons who visited the Model Rooms in 1879, the book containing the names of 5,456, and it is estimated that nearly the same number neglected to enter their names.

As the cases placed in the Rooms three years ago are now overcrowded with models, it will be shortly necessary to obtain additional space for the remaining cases brought from the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, so that a better classification of models can be made, and thereby facilitate examinations in the work of the office as well as by the public.

The Patent Record in connection with the Mechanics' Magazine, which was first issued in 1873, has continued to be published by the Burland-Desbarats Lithographic Company, and is most creditable to the Publishers, and it is of great use for informing inventors, manufacturers, and others, as to the granting of Patents.