5971. 28th December. Robert Kilpatrick, of Main Street, Lilydale, Victoria, Gentleman.—An invention for improvements in electrical apparatus for sending either automatic or telephonic messages to a fire-engine house or other station. (J. Birchall.)

5972. 28th December. John Francis Botting, of Lovell's Flat, Otago, New Zealand, Teacher.—An invention for "Decimal Bricks," a series of blocks designed to illustrate and to assist in

teaching the decimal system of calculating.

5973. 30th December. George Stafford, of Wellington, New Zealand, Flax-dresser. — An invention for an improved machine for washing, dressing, and drying New Zealand flax and other fibrous material.*

I.—Number of Applications for Patents from Persons residing in New Zealand and other Colonies and Countries in each of the Years 1890, 1891, and 1892.

				1890.	1891.	1892.				1890.	1891.	1892.
New Zealand Argentine Republ	 lie	••		$\begin{array}{c} 352 \\ 1 \end{array}$	313	362	Norway Portugal				1 1	••
					1		Queensland			6	8	4
				1	••		South Africa		• •	3		2
British Columbia					1		South Australia			13	9	7
			• • •	• •	7	3	Sweden			3		
			••			1	Switzerland				1	
France				6	2	1	Tasmania			3	1	, 1
	• •			6	5	2	United Kingdom			90	88	83
Italy						1	United States			21	25	37
		• •		••		1	Victoria	• •		52	69	53
New South Wales	š	• •		57	60	49	Western Australia		••	1		

Note.—As some applications have been received from joint applicants resident in different countries, these figures will total more than the actual number of applications received.

J.—Number of Applications for Registration of Trade-Marks from Persons residing in New Zealand and other Colonies and Countries in each of the Years 1890, 1891, and 1892.

			1890.	1891.	1892.			1890.	1891.	1892.
New Zealand Austria Ceylon Cuba France Germany Holland India Natal	 	::	89 3 4 2 3 1	87 17 1 2	178 9 2 1	New South Wales Qugensland Russia South Australia Switzerland Tasmania United Kingdom United States Victoria	 	7 2 40 8 8	11 1 1 2 1 73 13 17	21 2 1 1 57 10 11

Note.—As a few applications have been received from persons giving an address in more than one country, the columns will add to slightly more than the actual number of applications received.

K.—List of Publications in the Patent Office Library, at the Museum, Wellington.

British.—Specifications, 1617–1700, 1751–1800, 1800–1891. Plans to English specifications. Abridgments of specifications. Reference indexes of patentees and inventions. Chronological indexes of patents. Subject-matter indexes of patents. Patent Office Report, 1849–1871. Commissioner of Patents Journal, 1854-1883. Official Journal of the Patent Office. The Illustrated Official Journal of Patents. Reports of patent, design, and trade-mark cases decided by Courts of law in the United Kingdom.

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European.—Patent Blatt (Berlin), 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881. South Australia.—Specifications of patents, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886.

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Queensland Government Gazette.

New Zealand.—Specifications of inventions and letters patent from 1861 to 1879. Patent Office supplements to the New Zealand Gazettes, containing information relative to patents, trademarks, &c.

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