

TRADE-MARKS.

Last year 695 applications for registration of trade-marks were received, 76 more than the number received the previous year.

The amount received in fees in respect of trade-marks was £1,533 15s., as against £1,825 16s. for 1917—a decrease of £292 1s. This is accounted for by the renewal fees of marks registered before 1890, which are simultaneously payable every fourteen years, falling due by the 1st January, 1918, and consequently £969 being paid in respect of the renewals of the registration of trade-marks in 1917, as against £584 on the account last year. Otherwise this branch of the business of the Office has been well maintained, and would have shown an increase in the amount received in fees as well as the increased number of applications recorded.

The number of trade-marks on the Register at the end of the year was 10,360.

Countries from which Applications received.

The applications received from residents of New Zealand were fewer last year than for the previous year—222, as compared with 250. A greater number of applications outside New Zealand were received from Great Britain 170 (174), United States of America 142 (105), New South Wales 62 (41), Victoria 46 (42)—than in the previous year the figures for which are given in brackets.

Goods for which Trade-marks registered.

As usual, more applications for registration of trade-marks were in the food class (42) than in the others (106), which is about the same number as in the former year—103. More applications were received in 29 classes, and fewer in 18 classes, than in the previous year.

PATENT AGENTS.

The number of Patent Agents on the Register at the end of last year was 22, one having been struck off during the year for non-payment of annual fee.

STAFF.

I have pleasure in recording my appreciation of the services of the staff of the Office.

Of its small number three members served in the war—Mr. J. W. Miles, 1915–17; Mr. J. C. Powley, from 1916 to June, 1917, when he was killed at Messines; and Mr. C. W. Collinson, 1914–16.

Mr. Powley was a zealous and popular member, and his loss was much felt by his fellow-officers.

Two other members were in camp on the cessation of hostilities.

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NOTE.—The lists of Inventions and Applicants for Letters Patent, Designs, and Trade marks for the past year have been printed in the Index to Vol. vii of the *Patent Office Journal*.

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NOTE.—The figures in parentheses are those for the previous year—i.e., 1917.