

PATENT AGENTS.

Two names were added to the register, both of persons qualified under section 135 (2) of the Act, and four names were struck off—two, it is regretted, on account of the death of the members. The total number now on the register is twenty.

STAFF.

I have pleasure in again recording my appreciation of the work of the staff. Owing to occasional shortage or changes therein, and other causes, difficulty has sometimes been experienced in dealing with matters as expeditiously as desirable, but it is expected that the arrangements now and about to be made will enable the usual high standard to be maintained in this respect.

CONCLUSION.

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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. xi of the *Patent Office Journal*.

Patent Office, Wellington, 21st May, 1923.

J. C. LEWIS, Registrar.

APPENDIX.

A.—RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1922.

Receipts.				Payments.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Patent fees	9,819	18	6	Salaries	2,214	1	2
Design fees	125	19	9	Temporary assistance	304	14	0
Trade-mark fees	2,868	17	6	Fees to Local Patent officers	12	12	6
Sale of Acts, Journals, &c.	98	19	6	Fuel, light, &c.	27	5	0
				Postage, telegrams, &c.	117	9	6
				Printing and stationery	1,047	0	6
				Contingencies	4	12	0
				Refunds	52	6	0
				Grant to Registrar for attendance at Conference	100	0	0
				Balance	9,033	14	7
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J. C. LEWIS, Registrar.

As a portion of the fees is collected by stamps, it is difficult to trace this revenue, but the statement in so far as it relates to such revenue agrees with the fees books of the Office. Payments have been verified by reference to the Justice and Treasury Departments. Refunds of stamp receipts and cash receipts have been supported by certificates from the Stamps Department and the Treasury respectively. Copyright fees are not included.

G. F. C. CAMPBELL,

Controller and Auditor-General.