

The following table shows the number of cases under provisions which have been in existence before and since the last Act (*i.e.*, Part A of the register) and the number of cases under the new provisions referred to (*i.e.*, Part B of the register):—

Year.	Part A of Register.			Part B of Register.
	Ordinary Cases.	Special Applications.	Old Marks.	
1st July, 1922	260	..	3	3
„ 1923	831	6	5	70
31st December, 1924	918	14	10	23
Total	2,009	20	18	96

Countries from which Applications were received.

The number of applications—510—received from residents of this country was greater than that of 1923, in which year there were 442, and 15 more than in the previous year; 355 (331) were received from Great Britain, 195 (190) from the United States, 78 (76) from New South Wales, 115 (33) from Victoria, 0 (3) from Queensland, 0 (2) from South Australia, 19 (19) from Canada, and 25 (5) from Germany.

The total number from the British Empire (including New Zealand) was 1,079, as compared with 911 for 1923 and 891 for 1922, or 80 per cent. of the total received.

PATENT AGENTS.

No additional names were added to the register. The total number now on the register is twenty.

Patent attorneys are engaged in the highly skilled work of preparing specifications and otherwise acting for inventors, and form an important link between them and the Office.

STAFF.

It affords me pleasure to again acknowledge the good work of the staff of the Office. The zeal and accuracy shown in the discharge of its duties is most commendable.

The Local Patent Officers in the several towns afford considerable assistance (without any special remuneration) to inventors, attorneys, and the Office.

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