

PATENT AGENTS.

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF WORK OF STAFF AND OF LOCAL PATENT OFFICERS.

It is with pleasure that appreciation is expressed of the manner in which the staff has worked. Acknowledgments are also due to the various Local Patent Officers throughout New Zealand, in regard to receiving applications and forwarding them to Wellington for recording and action.

THE LATE REGISTRAR.

It is desired to place on record a tribute from the Office to its late chief, Mr. J. C. Lewis. Beginning his training in Patent Office duties as a junior over forty years ago, he finally rose to the registrarship. One of the duties of the Office is to act as guardian of the public in connection with registrations of industrial property, and difficult problems affecting public and private rights continually arise. In obtaining solutions for these problems Mr. Lewis showed not only unusual courtesy, tact, and devotion to duty, but also an integrity and ability that were widely known and respected. Towards the end of his career he represented New Zealand abroad at a technical conference of British States on patents. His mature knowledge of patent and trade-mark property was held in high repute by applicants and professional men alike, and his retirement was the occasion of tokens of esteem from those most intimately acquainted with his work.

CONCLUSION.

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Registrar.

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APPENDIX.

A. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1925.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Payments.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Patent fees	9,053	3	5	Salaries and temporary assistance	3,474	15	11
Design fees	132	8	6	Fees to local Patent officers	2	17	6
Trade-mark fees	4,093	18	9	Fuel, light, &c.	33	13	0
Sale of Acts, <i>Journals</i> , &c.	75	11	4	Office requisites	0	9	8
				Postage, &c.	81	7	6
				Printing and stationery	1,883	15	4
				Travelling-expenses	0	16	6
				Typewriter repairs	4	14	10
				Contingencies	4	0	6
				Refunds	22	18	0
				Balance	7,845	13	3
	£13,355	2	0		£13,355	2	0

H. T. ATKINSON, Registrar.

I hereby certify that the Statement of Receipts and Payments has been duly examined and compared with the relative books and documents submitted for audit, and correctly states the position as disclosed thereby. Copyright fees are not included.—G. F. C. CAMPBELL, Controller and Auditor-General.