

The total number of applications from the British Empire (including New Zealand) was 877, as compared with 996 for 1925 and 1,079 for 1924, or 77 per cent. of the total received.

The number of applications received up to the 31st December, 1889, was 1,213. From that date to the 31st December, 1926, 24,691 applications were lodged, giving a total of 25,904.

Applications were greatest in number in the following classes of goods: "Philosophical instruments, scientific instruments, and apparatus for useful purposes; instruments and apparatus for teaching" (Class 8), 82 (75): "Articles of clothing" (Class 38), 74 (109): "Substances used as food or as ingredients in food" (Class 42), 170 (192): "Candles, common soap, detergents; illuminating, heating, or lubricating oils; matches; and starch, blue, and other preparations for laundry purposes" (Class 47), 88 (84): and "Perfumery (including toilet articles, preparations for the teeth and hair, and perfumed soap)," (Class 48), 56 (70).

PATENT AGENTS.

The total number of names now on the register is 19, no additions having been made during 1926.

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