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PATENTS, DESIGNS, AND TRADE-MARKS.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 128 of the Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Act, 1921-22.

I HAVE the honour, in accordance with section 128, to submit my report on the proceedings under the Act during the past year.

The total number of applications received for the grant of letters patent and for the registration of designs and trade-marks was 3,484, as against 3,581, 3,608, and 3,421 in the years 1925, 1924, and 1923 respectively. The number of applications for letters patent pending at the end of 1926 was 1,991, as compared with 2,069 in 1925.

The transactions for the year yielded a cash surplus of £6,589 18s. 8d., the total receipts being £12,426 0s. 8d. and the payments £5,836 2s. The amount paid in salaries and temporary assistance was £3,437 19s. 9d., as compared with £3,474 15s. 11d. in the previous year.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Satisfactory arrangements have been made in regard to the question of staff reorganization, which was the most urgent problem affecting the Office last year. In the report for 1925 it was stated that there were grounds for expecting the approval of recommendations directed to stabilizing the staff and to using the experience of its members to the best advantage. I am pleased to report that the recommendations have been adopted substantially *in toto*, and that the Office has now the best permanent nucleus staff that was available. Further adjustments are under consideration. On these being made, and changes of personnel being reduced to a minimum, a suitable group of trained officers will become available to meet the normal requirements of the Office on its present lines.

A redistribution of duties has been effected during the year, and attention has been given to improving the Office system. As a result a substantial portion of the work is now disposed of at a considerably increased speed. Efforts to bring about general acceleration are being steadily maintained and are producing satisfactory results.

COPIES OF SPECIFICATIONS OF INVENTIONS.

The printing of specifications of inventions, and their sale at a nominal price, are recognized internationally as of considerable importance. Great Britain prints her specifications, and the same course is adopted by the Patent Departments of Canada and Australia. If specifications are printed, inventors and those engaged in scientific research can obtain a rapid and economical survey of what has already been contributed to technical knowledge by patented inventions.

The remarks of Fletcher Moulton ("Letters Patent for Inventions," 1913, Preface) in regard to industrial prosperity in Great Britain apply with almost equal force in New Zealand. He says:—

"The English law of letters patent is of the greatest interest both from the legal and the commercial point of view. It was the forerunner and the model of the patent laws of all countries; in the past it has greatly helped to build up the commercial supremacy of this country, and on the certainty and justness of this law and its administration depends to-day the willingness of capital to assist in developing new inventions."

If, therefore, New Zealand is to receive the full benefit of the excellent patent system that she undoubtedly possesses it will be necessary for her in the future to adopt the tested policy of overseas Patent Departments and to print the specifications that are submitted to this Office.

ASSIGNMENTS OF PATENTS, DESIGNS, AND TRADE-MARKS.

A marked increase has recently occurred in the number of assignments presented for registration. It is highly desirable that the registers should show the state of the title, and the Patents, &c., Act, 1921-22, made registration of subsequent interests compulsory. It is therefore gratifying that, following on the provision as to compulsory registration, the number of titles affected from 1923 to 1926 inclusive shows an increase of approximately 130 per cent. over the years 1918 to 1921 inclusive. It is certain, however, that some assignments are not promptly registered, and unless assignees improve in this respect it will be advisable to safeguard the purity of the register further by introducing monetary penalties such as those in operation in Great Britain.

The additional work and responsibility thrown on the Office as a result of the increase of assignment-registrations are, of course, considerable. It has been advisable that the examination of the documents of title should be performed by an officer having full legal qualifications, and the time involved has necessarily thrown an extra burden on the senior staff, who were already fully occupied.

CLASSIFICATION OF INVENTIONS.

The importance to the public of a suitable classification of inventions was referred to in last year's report, and it was indicated that improvements were in contemplation. Arrangements have now been made for the classification to be placed in charge of a member of the staff whose previous duties have resulted in his acquiring suitable knowledge of the work, and desirable improvements have already been effected in the present system.

This is the best that could be done in the meantime, but the classification now in operation was inaugurated years ago, when New Zealand industry was in its infancy. The present classification does not adequately comply with modern requirements, and should be replaced by a classification based on modern scientific principles, and adapted to expand with the rapid growth of research and manufacture.

PATENTS.

Applications for letters patent received in 1926 numbered 2,137, as against 2,046 in the preceding year. The number of applications lodged with provisional specifications was 1,153 (1,105),* and with complete specifications 984 (941). The number of complete specifications left during the year in respect of applications for which provisional specifications had previously been filed was 322 (282). The total number of applications up to the 31st December, 1926, was 57,754, and the number of patents in force on that date was 7,080.

The amount of £9,137 16s. 10d. was received during the year in respect of patents, being £84 13s. 5d. more than in 1925, which was the highest amount previously received.

Restoration of lapsed patents was effected in 8 (4) cases, and 1 patent was sealed after the prescribed time, as compared with 3 in the preceding year. The fees from these sources amounted to £201 10s., as against £127 10s. for the year 1925.

The amendment of the principal Act to enable complete specifications to be accepted after the prescribed time was taken advantage of in 1 (2) case, and 13 (2) letters patent were endorsed "Licenses of Right" under the provisions of the same amending Act. The fees paid under these two heads amounted to £32 10s.

Patents in force at end of 1926 totalled 7,080, made up as follows: Patents sealed and third-year fees paid from the 31st December, 1923, to the 31st December, 1926, 2,766 and 1,847 respectively; sixth-year fees paid from the 31st December, 1916, to the 31st December, 1926, 2,233; seventh-year fees paid from the 31st December, 1917, to the 31st December, 1926, 234.

DESIGNS.

The number of applications for registration of designs lodged during the year was 204, being an increase of 1 over the preceding year, bringing the total number of applications as at the 31st December, 1926, to 2,386. Since the year 1923, when the number of applications fell short of the previous year by 31, there has been a slight increase each year.

The fees received during the year amounted to £124 16s.

The registrations in force as at the 31st December, 1926, totalled 917. Of this number 93 had been extended for the second term, and 19 had been extended for the third term.

In 104 (123) cases the applicants were resident in New Zealand. Applicants resident in Great Britain numbered 66 (45); Australia, 24 (16); United States of America, 9 (10); and Canada, 1 (0).

TRADE-MARKS.

The trade depression that has been experienced in most parts of the world is reflected to some extent in a decrease in trade-mark activity, the number of applications (1,143) and the revenue (£3,088 1s. 9d.) being the smallest since 1922, and less than in 1925 by 189 applications and £1,005 17s. in fees. It is, however, anticipated that the current year will show a return to the steady increase that has taken place over a course of years in the number of traders who secure the benefits of registration.

An analysis of the countries from which applications were received is set out in Table M. From this table it will be noted that New Zealand applicants numbered 451 (510); 259 (332) applications were received from Great Britain; 223 (200) from the United States of America; 75 (70) from New South Wales; 59 (37) from Victoria; 4 (6) from Queensland; 27 (33) from Canada; and 24 (47) from Germany.

*The figures in parentheses are for 1925.

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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Patent Office, Wellington, 14th June, 1927.

H. T. ATKINSON, Registrar.

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A. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1926.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Payments.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Patent fees	9,137	16 10	Salaries and temporary assistance ..	3,437	19 9
Design fees	124	16 0	Advertising	21	17 6
Trade-mark fees	3,088	1 9	Fuel, light, water, &c.	64	14 2
Sale of Acts, <i>Journals</i> , &c. ..	75	6 1	Office fittings and furniture	86	1 10
			Postage and telegrams	103	12 2
			Printing and stationery	2,030	9 9
			Typewriters	20	11 11
			Travelling-expenses	0	12 6
			Contingencies	3	10 0
			Refunds	66	12 5
			Balance	6,589	18 8
	£12,426	0 8		£12,426	0 8

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.

B.—TABLE SHOWING RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR EACH OF THE LAST EIGHT YEARS.

Year.	Receipts.		Payments.		Surplus.	Year.	Receipts.		Payments.		Surplus.
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£ s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
1919	9,345	1 2	3,373	6 9	5,971 14 5	1923	11,667	18 5	4,809	8 11	6,858 9 6
1920	9,696	17 4	3,736	4 1	5,960 13 3	1924	12,470	19 6	5,182	15 4	7,288 4 2
1921	9,857	1 10	4,016	13 5	5,840 8 5	1925	13,355	2 0	5,509	8 9	7,845 13 3
1922	12,913	15 3	3,880	0 8	9,033 14 7	1926	12,426	0 8	5,836	2 0	6,589 18 8

C.—PARTICULARS OF FEES RECEIVED FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1926.

<i>Patents.</i>						£	s. d.
Applications for patents with provisional specifications						1,164	19 6
Applications for patents with complete specifications						1,976	0 0
Complete specifications left after provisional specifications						644	0 0
Applications for extension of time						168	9 6
On giving notice of opposition						5	0 0
On hearing opposition						2	0 0
On request for sealing letters patent						1,253	0 0
On application for sealing letters patent after prescribed time						6	0 0
On sealing letters patent after prescribed time						8	10 0
Renewal fees paid before end of third year						1,857	19 9
Renewal fees paid before end of sixth year						1,512	0 0
Applications for restoration of lapsed patents						26	0 0
On restoration of letters patent						161	0 0
On request to enter name of subsequent proprietor on register						114	10 0
On request to correct clerical errors						2	10 0
Certificates of Registrar						29	10 0
Copies of specifications and drawings						49	14 3
Patent Agents' renewal fees						39	18 0
Application for registration as Patent Agent						3	3 0
Searches						42	19 0
Amendment of letters patent						4	0 0
Request to enter change of name						7	5 0
Request to enter change of address						0	5 0
Application for issue of acceptance under section 4 of the Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Amendment Act, 1924						2	0 0
On issue of acceptance under section 4 of the Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Amendment Act, 1924						17	10 0
Applications for endorsement of letters patent "Licenses of Right" under section 2 of the Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Amendment Act, 1924						13	0 0
Application for entry of order of Supreme Court in register						0	5 0
On appeal to Supreme Court against decision of Registrar						1	0 0
Weekly lists						7	12 0
Miscellaneous						17	16 10
						£9,137	16 10

Designs.								£	s.	d.
Applications for registration of designs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	86	0	0
On extension of period of copyright under section 56 (2)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	0	0
On extension of period of copyright under section 56 (3)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	0	0
Searches (Regulation 42)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Searches (Office)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	12	0
Assignment of designs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	0	0
Copies of drawings	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	8	0
Copies of certificate of registration	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	1	0
Applications for extension of time	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	0	0
On request to correct clerical errors	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
								£124	16	0

Trade-marks.								£	s.	d.
Applications for registration	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	855	4	2
On registration	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	897	15	6
On association	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	2	0
On renewal of registration	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,005	9	0
Applications for extension of time	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	5	0
On giving notice of opposition	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	0	0
On hearing opposition	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	0	0
On assignment of trade-marks	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	140	4	0
Amendment of trade-marks	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	0	0
On cancellation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	15	0
Extra space in <i>Journal</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	17	0
Copies of trade-mark certificates	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	12	0
On request to enter change of address	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	19	0
On request to enter change of name	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	2	0
Certificates of Registrar	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	0	0
Searches (Regulation 84)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46	19	6
Searches (Office)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	10	6
On request to correct clerical errors	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	10	0
Entry in register of rectification thereof	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	0
Alteration of trade-marks	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Request to strike out goods	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	15	0
On restoration of trade-mark	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
On entry of memorandum of trade-mark	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	15	0
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	1
								£3,088	1	9

D.—STAFF OF OFFICERS, AND SALARIES, FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1927.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
Registrar	..	..	..	665	0	0	Cadet	..	..	..	95	0	0
Deputy Registrar	..	..	..	425	0	0	Cadet	..	..	..	80	0	0
Clerk	..	..	..	295	0	0	Typist	..	..	..	175	0	0
Clerk	..	..	..	250	0	0	Typist	..	..	..	143	0	0
Clerk	..	..	..	230	0	0	Typist	..	..	..	104	0	0
Clerk	..	..	..	135	0	0	Typist	..	..	..	65	0	0
Cadet	..	..	..	115	0	0	Librarian	..	..	..	295	0	0
Cadet	..	..	..	95	0	0	Office assistant	..	..	..	285	0	0

E.—TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR PATENTS AND REGISTRATION OF DESIGNS AND TRADE-MARKS RECORDED FOR THE YEARS 1890, 1900, AND 1910 TO 1926 (INCLUSIVE).

Year.	Patents.	Designs.	Trade-marks.	Total.	Year.	Patents.	Designs.	Trade-marks.	Total.
1890	616	5	160	781	1918	1,386	53	695	2,134
1900	1,009	15	348	1,372	1919	1,880	74	1,272	3,226
1910	1,831	46	818	2,695	1920	2,193	109	1,391	3,693
1911	1,740	21	861	2,622	1921	2,115	141	994	3,250
1912	1,737	44	779	2,560	1922	2,183	214	1,103	3,500
1913	1,775	65	787	2,627	1923	2,075	183	1,163	3,421
1914	1,574	55	687	2,316	1924	2,085	185	1,338	3,608
1915	1,299	89	565	1,953	1925	2,046	203	1,332	3,581
1916	1,261	113	666	2,040	1926	2,137	204	1,143	3,484
1917	1,329	83	619	2,031					

F.—NUMBER OF PROVISIONAL AND COMPLETE SPECIFICATIONS RECEIVED, ETC.

Year.	Number of Applications with which Complete Specifications lodged.		Number of Applications with which Provisional Specifications lodged.		Number of Applications for which Complete Specifications subsequently lodged.		Number of Applications abandoned, lapsed, or refused.		Number of Patents sealed.		Total Number of Applications.
	N.Z.	Foreign.	N.Z.	Foreign.	N.Z.	Foreign.	N.Z.	Foreign.	N.Z.	Foreign.	
1910	250	443	990	148	254	75	925	125	306	475	1,831
1911	245	434	935	126	258	59	849	86	323	482	1,740
1912	258	507	877	95	275	35	817	78	334	508	1,737
1913	217	467	965	126	249	58	910	94	272	499	1,775
1914	177	426	868	103	228	45	782	96	273	423	1,574
1915	140	286	787	86	322	46	669	78	266	288	1,299
1916	178	297	699	87	194	38	630	67	245	319	1,261
1917	183	360	708	84	203	41	580	57	249	385	1,329
1918	143	454	704	88	245	39	540	72	284	442	1,389
1919	200	685	906	91	279	42	707	77	321	689	1,880
1920	250	890	949	110	249	37	725	123	330	1,030	2,199
1921	194	722	1,080	119	310	42	890	107	398	730	2,115
1922	203	686	1,190	104	328	38	992	92	406	693	2,183
1923	221	701	1,041	112	256	57	933	73	341	728	2,075
1924	190	752	1,032	111	304	35	...	...	...	...	2,085
1925	177	764	1,007	98	324	41	...	...	...	...	2,046
1926	180	804	1,058	95	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,137

NOTE.—A few applications were received from joint applicants resident in different countries, also from applicants giving two addresses; the figures will therefore total more than the actual number of applications received.

G.—NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR PATENTS FROM PERSONS RESIDING IN NEW ZEALAND AND IN OTHER COUNTRIES IN EACH OF THE YEARS 1924, 1925, AND 1926.

—	1924.	1925.	1926.	—	1924.	1925.	1926.
New Zealand ..	1,233	1,183	1,428	Japan ..	1	3	..
Argentine Republic ..	3	2	2	Java ..	1	..	..
Austria ..	2	1	2	Kenya (East Africa) ..	..	1	..
Belgium ..	8	4	7	Netherlands ..	18	16	9
Canada ..	10	12	14	New South Wales ..	116	132	139
Cuba ..	1	..	..	Northern Nigeria ..	..	1	..
Czecho-Slovakia ..	2	..	2	Norway ..	1	3	3
Denmark ..	17	8	9	Queensland ..	22	23	17
Dutch East Indies ..	..	..	1	South Australia ..	13	26	18
Federated Malay States	1	..	..	Sweden ..	2	10	6
Fiji ..	..	..	1	Switzerland ..	5	7	9
France ..	10	22	28	Tasmania ..	4	8	9
Germany ..	19	20	27	Union of South Africa	5	4	6
Great Britain ..	285	279	397	United States of America	235	180	187
Hawaii ..	1	..	..	Victoria ..	138	99	124
Hungary ..	..	1	1	Western Australia ..	9	7	12
India ..	..	3	1	Western Samoa ..	..	..	1
Italy ..	8	12	8				

NOTE.—A few applications were received from joint applicants resident in different countries, also from applicants giving two addresses; the figures will therefore total more than the actual number of applications received.

H.—TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR PATENTS FOR THE DIFFERENT CLASSES OF INVENTIONS FOR EACH OF THE YEARS 1924, 1925, AND 1926.

Class.	1924.	1925.	1926.	Class.	1924.	1925.	1926.
Advertising and displaying signs, &c.	32	27	36	Illuminating (except gas-manufacture)	75	67	70
Aeronautics	7	7	4	Indicating, calculating, and measuring (including moisture-testers)	53	56	51
Amusements, music, exercisers, games, &c.	75	81	72	Kitchen utensils and cooking-appliances (including ovens)	67	62	56
Attaching and securing (including bolts, ties, &c.)	44	46	52	Lifting, hauling, and loading ..	52	71	66
Boilers (steam)	20	14	19	Locks, latches, and hinges ..	30	26	28
Boots and shoes	32	37	38	Marine and submarine (including lake and river engineering)	28	29	20
Bottles, bottling, and glass-working	31	28	35	Marking (tickets, labels, &c.) ..	8	9	4
Boxes, cans, and casks	107	80	71	Medicines and surgical appliances (including ear-instruments, dental work, &c.)	33	33	27
Brewing, distilling, &c.	7	9	12	Metal-working (including welding, stamping, and plating)	27	37	33
Brooms and brushes (including mops)	24	16	15	Milking-machines*	72	58	62
Building-construction	18	47	47	Minerals (including filtration, lixiviation, screens, &c.)	28	20	15
Building-construction (brick and cement compositions and moulding)	64	50	52	Minerals (magnetic separators) ..	..	..	1
Building-construction (windows and doors)	30	33	26	Minerals (stampers and pulverizers)	1	5	4
Chemicals	39	36	40	Oils and lubricators	24	36	35
Cleaning, polishing, &c.	24	27	24	Paints and painting (including kauri-gum)	17	11	6
Closets and urinals	25	18	22	Pipes, tubes, and hose	29	21	29
Coin-freed mechanism	..	5	6	Preserving	22	11	10
Cooling and freezing	19	19	18	Presses	9	14	6
Cultivating and tilling	62	68	58	Printing and photography	39	31	29
Cutting and sawing, and tools ..	55	65	63	Pumps and sprayers (except rotary pumps)	13	15	20
Dairying*	59	37	46	Railways and tramways	65	58	41
Drains and sewers	10	5	6	Roads and ways (including road-watering)	19	28	18
Dredging and excavating (including rock-drills)	13	12	10	Seed-dressing, chaff-cutting, and threshing	7	5	3
Drying	20	16	23	Seed-sowers	5	9	18
Electricity and magnetism	124	126	123	Sewing and knitting	13	14	12
Engines (air, gas, and oil)	56	52	73	Sheep and cattle (including veterinary appliances)	34	25	21
Engines (steam), including rotary pumps	13	8	17	Sheep shearing and clipping	8	7	13
Engines (miscellaneous and engine accessories), including current motors, solar motors, tide motors, wave motors, wind-mills, miscellaneous motors	59	75	67	Shop and hotel fittings	19	15	12
Explosives, firearms, and targets ..	1	7	5	Stationery and paper	38	34	31
Exterminating (including trapping animals)	24	39	30	Telephony and telegraphy (including phonographs)	164	213	176
Fencing	26	20	17	Tobacco	9	16	8
Fencing (strainers)	5	11	3	Valves and cocks	29	18	16
Fibre-dressing (including rope-making)	8	18	24	Vehicles	212	226	228
Filters	3	8	7	Vehicles (velocipedes)	42	35	46
Fire alarms, escapes, ladders, and extinguishers	28	15	14	Ventilating	6	3	3
Food	34	27	21	Washing and cleansing	27	22	26
Furnaces and kilns (including smoke-consumers)	18	14	15	Water-supplying	19	13	7
Furniture and upholstery, desks, blinds, curtains, &c.	63	61	58	Wearing-apparel	48	49	40
Gas-manufacture for lighting, heating, or power purposes	8	9	13	Wools and hides	7	10	7
Harness (including horse, &c., covers)	8	7	4	Miscellaneous inventions not in other classes, as indiarubber-manufacture, fishing-appliances, &c.	18	13	16
Harvesting and grading	15	8	17				
Heating, and fuel-manufacture ..	77	86	75				

* Prior to 1911, milking-machines were included in class "Dairying," but are now a separate class.

NOTE.—Owing to some inventions being classified under more than one heading, the figures will total more than the actual number of applications received.

I.—TABLE SHOWING TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR PATENTS, LETTERS PATENTS SEALED, AND LETTERS PATENT IN FORCE FOR FULL TERM UNDER THE DIFFERENT PATENTS ACTS, UP TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1926 (INCLUSIVE).

		Total Number of Applications.	Number on which Letters Patent have been sealed.	Number of Patents on which Final Fee paid.
Act of 1860	1861 to 1870	109	109	109
" 1870	1871 to 1883	881	687	465
" 1883	1884 to 1889	3,170	1,757	368
Acts of 1889 and 1908	1890 to 30th June, 1912	27,419	12,711	2,591
Act of 1911	1st July, 1912, to 30th June, 1922	16,750	7,773	1,660
" 1921-22	...	9,425	5,179	...
Grand totals	...	57,754	28,216	5,193

J.—NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF DESIGNS IN EACH OF THE FIFTEEN CLASSES IN THE YEAR 1926.

Class 1.—Articles composed wholly of metal or in which metal predominates, and jewellery ..	116
Class 2.—Books and bookbinding of all materials ..	2
Class 3.—Articles composed wholly of wood, bone, ivory, papier-maché, or other solid substances not included in other classes, or of materials in which such substances predominate ..	39
Class 4.—Articles composed wholly of glass, earthenware, or porcelain, clay (burnt or baked), or cement, or in which such materials predominate ..	13
Class 5.—Articles composed wholly of paper, cardboard, millboard, or strawboard (except articles included in Class 2, and paperhangings), or in which such materials predominate ..	15
Class 6.—Articles composed wholly of leather or in which leather predominates, not included in other classes ..	..
Class 7.—Paperhangings ..	..
Class 8.—Carpets, rugs, and floor-coverings in all materials ..	..
Class 9.—Lace ..	..
Class 10.—Boots and shoes ..	..
Class 11.—Millinery and wearing-apparel (except boots and shoes) ..	5
Class 12.—Goods not included in other classes ..	12
Class 13.—Printed or woven designs on textile piece-goods (other than checks or stripes) ..	..
Class 14.—Printed or woven designs on handkerchiefs and shawls (other than checks or stripes) ..	1
Class 15.—Printed or woven designs on textile piece-goods or on handkerchiefs or shawls being checks or stripes ..	1
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K.—NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE-MARKS FROM PERSONS RESIDING IN NEW ZEALAND AND IN OTHER COUNTRIES IN EACH OF THE YEARS 1924, 1925, AND 1926.

	1924.	1925.	1926.		1924.	1925.	1926.
New Zealand ..	510	510	451	Japan ..	2	..	..
Austria ..	..	1	4	Netherlands ..	11	18	12
Belgium ..	1	2	..	New South Wales ..	78	70	75
Brazil ..	..	..	..	Norway ..	4	2	..
Canada ..	19	33	27	Queensland ..	..	6	4
Ceylon ..	..	2	..	South Australia ..	..	1	..
Denmark ..	7	..	1	Spain ..	1	1	..
Dutch East Indies ..	1	..	..	Sweden ..	5	17	2
Finland ..	5	14	1	Switzerland ..	6	6	6
France ..	20	20	14	Union of South Africa ..	1	5	1
Germany ..	25	47	24	United States of ..	195	200	223
Great Britain ..	355	332	259	America ..	..	..	..
Hungary ..	..	1	..	Victoria ..	115	37	59
India ..	1	..	..	Western Australia ..	..	1	..
Italy ..	8	3	4	Western Samoa ..	..	..	1

NOTE.—A few applications were received from joint applicants resident in different countries, also from applicants giving two addresses; the figures will therefore total more than the actual number of applications received.

L.—NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS TO REGISTER TRADE-MARKS IN THE FIFTY DIFFERENT CLASSES IN EACH OF THE YEARS 1924, 1925, AND 1926.

Class.	Classification of Goods.	1924.	1925.	1926.
1	Chemical substances used in manufactures, photography, or philosophical research, and anti-corrosives	32	37	41
2	Chemical substances used for agricultural, horticultural, veterinary, and sanitary purposes	49	54	30
3	Chemical substances prepared for use in medicine and pharmacy	94	83	52
4	Raw or partly prepared vegetable, animal, and mineral substances used in manufactures not included in other classes	16	20	15
5	Unwrought and partly wrought metals used in manufacture	15	15	12
6	Machinery of all kinds, and parts of machinery, except agricultural and horticultural machines included in Class 7	29	38	51
7	Agricultural and horticultural machinery, and parts of such machinery ..	9	17	3
8	Philosophical instruments, scientific instruments, and apparatus for useful purposes; instruments and apparatus for teaching	65	75	82
9	Musical instruments	13	12	27
10	Horological instruments	10	5	14
11	Instruments, apparatus, and contrivances, not medicated, for surgical or curative purposes, or in relation to the health of men or animals	9	22	5
12	Cutlery and edge tools	18	20	9
13	Metal goods not included in other classes	59	55	45
14	Goods of precious metals (including aluminium, nickel, Britannia-metal, &c.) and jewellery, and imitations of such goods and jewellery	6	8	6
15	Glass	17	18	5
16	Porcelain and earthenware	6	3	2
17	Manufactures from mineral and other substances for building or decoration	19	22	27
18	Engineering, architectural, and building contrivances	17	24	17
19	Arms, ammunition, and stores not included in Class 20	2	4	..
20	Explosive substances	2	2	2
21	Naval architectural contrivances and naval equipments not included in Classes 19 and 20	1	4	..
22	Carriages	11	12	38
23	(a) Cotton-yarn; (b) sewing-cotton	13	6	2
24	Cotton piece-goods of all kinds	34	21	28
25	Cotton goods not included in Classes 23, 24, and 38	5	7	9
26	Linen and hemp yarn and thread	1	..	..
27	Linen and hemp piece-goods	4	1	4
28	Linen and hemp goods not included in Classes 26, 27, and 50	2	1	4
29	Jute yarns and tissues, and other articles made of jute not included in Class 50	1	2	..
30	Silk, spun, thrown, or sewing	2	2	2
31	Silk piece-goods	3	2	2
32	Other silk goods not included in Classes 30 and 31	2	2	3
33	Yarns of wool, worsted, or hair	7	3	..
34	Cloths and stuffs of wool, worsted, or hair	8	6	3
35	Woollen and worsted and hair goods not included in Classes 33 and 34 ..	2	2	1
36	Carpets, floorcloth, and oilcloth	7	3	4
37	Leather, skins (unwrought and wrought), and articles made of leather not included in other classes	12	11	6
38	Articles of clothing	105	109	74
39	Paper (except paperhangings), stationery, and bookbinding	55	46	38
40	Goods manufactured from indiarubber and guttapercha not included in other classes	17	18	9
41	Furniture and upholstery	10	6	4
42	Substances used as food or as ingredients in food	198	192	170
43	Fermented liquors and spirits	26	54	29
44	Mineral and aerated waters (natural and artificial), including ginger-beer ..	17	12	14
45	Tobacco, whether manufactured or unmanufactured	48	33	11
46	Seeds for agricultural and horticultural purposes	1	1	4
47	Candles, common soap, detergents; illuminating, heating, or lubricating oils; matches; and starch, blue, and other preparations for laundry purposes	123	84	88
48	Perfumery (including toilet articles), preparations for the teeth and hair, and perfumed soap	64	70	56
49	Games of all kinds, and sporting articles not included in other classes ..	4	7	13
50	Miscellaneous	76	82	80

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