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PATENTS, DESIGNS, AND TRADE-MARKS.

(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, 1889."

I HAVE the honour, in compliance with the provisions of "The Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Act, 1889," to furnish the Eighth Annual Report on the Patent Office.

The usual returns showing the business transacted by the office during the year ended the 31st December, 1896, will be found in the Appendix. These returns show the steady growth of the office year by year. Over thirteen hundred applications were received during the period covered by this report, being the largest number received during any one year since the foundation of the office. The large increase over the preceding year in applications for patents, may in part no doubt, be attributed to the expansion of the bicycle trade, no less than 130 applications in connection with bicycles having been filed.

The table given below shows the revenue and expenditure for the past six years, and also the annual surplus. The progress of the office is very well illustrated by these figures, which exhibit a steady increase of revenue, from £1,759 3s. 6d. in 1891 to £2,583 0s. 6d. in 1896. The apparent fall in 1895 is due to the fact that a large number of renewal-fees became payable in the preceding year, thus raising the receipts for that year above the average.

—			Receipts.			Expenditure.			Surplus.		
—			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1891	..		1,759	3	6	391	11	3	1,367	12	3
1892	..		1,825	6	0	361	18	10	1,463	7	2
1893	..		2,150	2	0	396	8	3	1,753	13	9
1894	..		2,477	7	0	536	6	11	1,941	0	1
1895	..		2,170	9	6	464	15	8	1,705	13	10
1896	..		2,583	0	6	564	6	10	2,018	13	8

I am glad to be able to state that the new offices in the building now being erected for the Government Printing Office are nearing completion. The accommodation provided consists of a Registrar's Office, 16 ft. 6 in. by 16 ft. 6 in.; a public office, 20 ft. by 22 ft.; and a library, 31 ft. 6 in. by 22 ft., together with a strong-room. The new offices, though situated at some distance from the business portion of the city, will relieve much of the inconvenience from which the public and the officials have suffered so long, and will also permit of the valuable library now buried in the Museum being made available for its proper purposes.

Patent Office, Wellington, 2nd October, 1897.

F. WALDEGRAVE,
Registrar.

A.—BALANCE-SHEET of INCOME and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1896.

Income.			£	s.	d.	Expenditure.			£	s.	d.
Patent fees	...	...	2,209	3	0	Salaries	...	...	318	12	4
Design fees	...	...	14	1	0	Clerical assistance	...	...	15	5	0
Trade-mark fees	...	...	357	11	6	Copying specifications, &c.	...	...	50	5	9
Sale of Acts, &c.	...	...	2	5	0	Fees to Patent Office Agents	...	...	55	12	6
						Printing and stationery from Government Printing Office	...	...	75	0	0
						Binding, freight, &c., of British specifications	...	...	19	17	0
						Fees refunded	17	0	0
						Incidental expenses	12	14	3
						Surplus for year	2,018	13	8
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