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NEW ZEALAND

PATENTS, DESIGNS, AND TRADE-MARKS

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

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

REPORT

(The figures in parentheses are for 1941)

I HAVE the honour, in accordance with section 128, to submit my report on the administration of the Act during the year 1942. The business of the Office is indicated generally in the tables annexed.

PATENTS

Inventions relating to the war continue to show an increase, such as, for example, explosives and firearms 64 (34); aeronautics 25 (15). There was a slight decrease in telephony and telegraphy 227 (246). It is interesting to note, however, that nearly four times as many applications were filed in this class (which includes radio and similar apparatus) as in the class showing the next highest number of applications—namely, explosives.

The reciprocal arrangements and co-operation existing with the British authorities in regard to war inventions continue to work satisfactorily, as well as the provisions instituted to ensure that the local inventions likely to be of value in the prosecution of the war are fully considered.

During the year consideration was given to the question of improving various machinery provisions to meet more fully conditions which have arisen as a result of the war, and legislation has been drafted with a view to bringing the New Zealand Patent law in this respect in line with that in the United Kingdom.

TRADE-MARKS

The decline in the number of applications received for registration of trade-marks which has naturally followed as a result of the war is still evident, and the number of applications received during the year was 136 less than in 1941.

The advantages of the provisions of the Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Amendment Act, 1939, in regard to registered user of trade-marks has been availed of to meet war conditions in many cases where overseas proprietors of trade-marks have been able to make satisfactory arrangements with New Zealand manufacturers.

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

In a considerable number of cases advantage has been taken of the provisions of the Patents, Designs, Trade-marks, and Copyright Emergency Regulations 1940 in order to safeguard the rights of registered proprietors and applicants where inability to take the requisite action has been due to circumstances arising out of the war.

STAFF

The difficulties caused by the loss of experienced staff are being met, as far as possible, by the training of temporary appointees.

CONCLUSION

The appendix contains :—

- A. Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1942.
- B. Table showing Receipts and Payments for each of the Last Ten Years.
- C. Total Number of Applications for Patents and for Registration of Designs and Trade-marks recorded for the Years 1914 to 1942 (inclusive).

A. H. IHLE,
Commissioner of Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks.

The Patent Office, Wellington, 27th April, 1943.

APPENDIX

PATENT OFFICE

A.—RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1942

Receipts					£	Payments					£
Patent fees	...	..	..	..	9,222	Salaries	..	..	..	..	4,457
Design fees	..	..	..	..	88	Fuel, light, power, and water	..	..	..	..	23
Trade-mark fees	..	..	..	..	2,289	Rent, maintenance, and repairs	..	..	..	..	369
Sales of Acts, Journals, &c.—					£	Patent Office Journal	..	..	..	..	485
At the Government Printing Office	..	..	..	..	65	Postage, telegrams, and telephones	..	..	..	..	133
At the Patent Office	..	..	..	..	4	Printing and stationery, &c.	..	..	..	..	325
					69	Refunds	..	..	..	..	108
						Balance: Cash in Public Account	..	..	..	..	5,768
					£11,668						£11,668

A. H. IHLE, Commissioner of Patents.

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.—CYRIL G. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.

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

Year.				Receipts.	Payments.	Surplus.	Year.				Receipts.	Payments.	Surplus.
				£	£	£					£	£	£
1933	..	..	..	11,695	4,379	7,314	1938	..	..	..	14,754	6,790	7,964
1934	..	..	..	12,376	4,709	7,667	1939	..	..	..	14,134	6,846	7,288
1935	..	..	..	12,869	4,477	8,392	1940	..	..	..	12,241	6,076	6,165
1936	..	..	..	13,276	5,222	8,054	1941	..	..	..	13,148	5,713	7,435
1937	..	..	..	13,407	5,623	7,784	1942	..	..	..	11,668	5,900	5,768

C.—TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR PATENTS AND FOR REGISTRATION OF DESIGNS AND TRADE-MARKS RECORDED FOR THE YEARS 1914 TO 1942 (INCLUSIVE)

Year.	Patents.	Designs.	Trade-marks.	Total.	Year.	Patents.	Designs.	Trade-marks.	Total.
1914	1,574	55	687	2,316	1929	2,251	125	1,359	3,735
1915	1,299	89	565	1,953	1930	2,103	169	1,265	3,537
1916	1,261	113	666	2,040	1931	2,065	151	999	3,215
1917	1,329	83	619	2,031	1932	1,845	164	925	2,934
1918	1,386	53	695	2,134	1933	1,761	143	814	2,718
1919	1,880	74	1,272	3,226	1934	1,766	146	915	2,827
1920	2,193	109	1,391	3,693	1935	1,730	185	943	2,858
1921	2,115	141	994	3,250	1936	1,836	124	1,096	3,056
1922	2,183	214	1,103	3,500	1937	1,832	193	889	2,914
1923	2,075	183	1,163	3,421	1938	1,960	160	860	2,980
1924	2,085	185	1,338	3,608	1939	1,821	137	694	2,652
1925	2,046	203	1,332	3,581	1940	1,277	108	626	2,011
1926	2 137	204	1,143	3,484	1941	1,214	108	534	1,856
1927	2,052	145	1,325	3,522	1942	1,104	60	398	1,562
1928	2,070	163	1,201	3,434					

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