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NEW ZEALAND

PATENTS, DESIGNS, AND TRADE-MARKS

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

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REPORT

(The figures in parentheses are for 1942)

I HAVE the honour, in accordance with section 128, to submit my report on the administration of the Act during the year 1943.

The applications received during the year for the grant of letters patent and for the registration of designs and trade-marks reached a total of 2,123 (1,562). This figure is higher than any total since 1939, when 2,652 applications were recorded. The fees received showed a corresponding increase and amounted to £13,657 (£11,668), while the expenditure was reduced to £4,824 (£5,900), resulting in an excess of receipts over expenditure of £8,833 (£5,768).

PATENTS

The trend of invention is indicated by the number of applications received in the following classes: electricity and magnetism, 92 (60); explosives and firearms, 74 (64); harvesting, 21 (5); medicines and surgical appliances, 39 (17); metal-working, 44 (26); telephony and telegraphy, 278 (227); and vehicles, 51 (27).

TRADE-MARKS

Compared with the figures for the preceding year, a substantial increase was shown in the number of applications for the registration of trade-marks, the total received being 678 (398). It is interesting to note that the greater proportion of the applications was received from overseas—namely, 420, as against 258 from persons resident in New Zealand. The greatest number of applications was received in Class 5 (pharmaceutical, veterinary, and sanitary substances) 132 (68), followed by Class 3 (substances for laundry use, soaps, perfumery, cosmetics, &c.) 62 (47), and Class 24 (tissues (piece-goods) and textile articles) 54 (10).

GENERAL

The passing of the Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Amendment Act, 1943, increased the power of the Court to extend the term of letters patent where losses have resulted to patentees by reason of hostilities and extended the rights of the Crown in regard to war inventions. The law in New Zealand was brought thereby substantially into line with that in Great Britain, and similarly the Patents, Designs, Trade-marks, and Copyright Emergency Regulations 1940, Amendment No. 1, made on the 9th June, 1943, followed closely the action taken there in regard to enemies.

CONCLUSION

The appendix contains:—

- A. Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1943.
- 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 1943 (inclusive).

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

The Patent Office, Wellington, 19th May, 1944.

APPENDIX

PATENT OFFICE

A.—RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1943

<i>Receipts</i>					£	<i>Payments</i>					£
Patent fees	..	..	..	..	19,371	Salaries, &c.	..	..	..	..	3,639
Design fees	..	..	..	..	101	Fuel, light, power, and water	..	..	..	..	17
Trade-mark fees	..	..	..	..	3,072	Rent, maintenance, and repairs	..	..	..	..	267
Sales of Acts, <i>Journals</i> , &c.	..	..	..	..	110	<i>Patent Office Journal</i>	..	..	..	..	443
						Postage, telegrams, and telephones	..	..	..	..	135
						Printing and stationery, &c.	..	..	..	..	111
						Refunds	..	..	..	..	212
						Balance : Cash in Public Account	..	..	..	..	8,833
					<u>£13,657</u>						<u>£13,657</u>

A. H. HILE, 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.
				£	£	£					£	£	£
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
1938	..	..	..	14,754	6,790	7,964	1943	..	..	..	13,657	4,824	8,833

C.—TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR PATENTS AND FOR REGISTRATION OF DESIGNS AND TRADE-MARKS RECORDED FOR THE YEARS 1914 TO 1943 (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	1943	1,384	61	678	2,123

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