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**PATENTS, DESIGNS, AND TRADE-MARKS**

SIXTY-FIRST 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**

I HAVE the honour, pursuant to section 128, to submit my report on the administration of the Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Act, 1921-22, during the year 1949.

The total number of applications for the grant of letters patent and for the registration of designs and trade-marks during the year was 3,531. The full effect of the war upon the flow of applications can now be seen from Table C in the Appendix, which gives the figures for the last twenty years.

Fees amounted to £24,118. These were £380 less than the record, £24,498, received in the previous year. The excess of receipts over expenditure was £4,555, which is the lowest since 1917.

**PATENTS**

The number of patent applications for the year was 1,984, and may be broadly classified as follows: mechanical engineering, 443; electronics, 419; primary industries, 344; miscellaneous, 314; chemistry, 262; and building construction, 202.

New Zealand (804), Great Britain (519), United States of America (311), and Australia (175) were the principal countries from which the applications were received.

Further substantial progress was made during the year in examining the large volume of applications received since the termination of hostilities, and 2,596 cases proceeded to acceptance.

**TRADE-MARKS**

Applications for the registration of trade-marks, totalling 1,292, were received from twenty-two countries, the principal being Great Britain with 465; New Zealand, 458; Australia, 152; and the United States of America, 118. The remainder, 99, included 10 each from Germany and Italy.

All thirty-four classes of goods were covered by the applications, but Classes 25, 5, 24, and 3 again predominated with 172, 134, 114, and 92 respectively.

The registration of 1,144 trade-marks was renewed during the year.

## DESIGNS

An increase in the number of applications for the registration of designs was recorded, the total being 255, against 229 for the preceding year. Class 1, with 109 applications, was followed by Classes 4 (47), 3 (46), and 5 (22).

## PATENTS COMMISSION

The Patents Commission concluded its hearings on 29th August, 1949, and two extensions of time have carried forward to 30th June, 1950, the date by which it is required to submit its report.

## CONCLUSION

The Appendix hereto contains the following tables, lists, &c., viz. :—

- A. Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1949.
- 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 Each of the Last Twenty Years.

A. H. IHLE,

Commissioner of Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks.

The Patent Office, Wellington,  
23rd February, 1950.

## APPENDIX

## PATENT OFFICE

## A. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1949

Receipts			Payments		
		£			£
Patent fees	.. ..	18,072	Salaries	.. ..	15,016
Design fees	.. ..	166	Fuel, light, power, and water	.. ..	69
Trade-mark fees	.. ..	5,778	Office furniture and equipment	.. ..	75
Sales of Acts, Journals, &c.—		£	Rent, maintenance, and repairs	.. ..	102
At the Government Printing office	94		Patent Office Journal	.. ..	3,446
At the Patent Office	.. ..	8	Postage, telegrams, and telephones	.. ..	192
		—	Printing and stationery, &c.	.. ..	625
		102	Refunds	.. ..	38
			Balance, cash in Public Account	.. ..	4,555
		£24,118			£24,118

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.—  
J. P. RUTHERFORD, 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.
	£	£	£		£	£	£
1940 .. ..	12,241	6,076	6,165	1945 .. ..	17,247	6,569	10,678
1941 .. ..	13,148	5,713	7,435	1946 .. ..	18,891	7,586	11,305
1942 .. ..	11,668	5,900	5,768	1947 .. ..	21,919	13,654	8,265
1943 .. ..	13,657	4,824	8,833	1948 .. ..	24,498	17,407	7,091
1944 .. ..	15,631	5,032	10,599	1949 .. ..	24,118	19,563	4,555

## C. TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR PATENTS AND FOR REGISTRATION OF DESIGNS AND TRADE-MARKS RECORDED FOR EACH OF THE LAST TWENTY YEARS

Year.	Patents.	Designs.	Trade-marks.	Total.	Year.	Patents.	Designs.	Trade-marks.	Total.
1930	2,103	169	1,265	3,537	1940	1,277	108	626	2,011
1931	2,065	151	999	3,215	1941	1,214	108	534	1,856
1932	1,845	164	925	2,934	1942	1,104	60	398	1,562
1933	1,761	143	814	2,718	1943	1,384	61	678	2,123
1934	1,766	146	915	2,827	1944	2,045	104	924	3,073
1935	1,730	185	943	2,858	1945	2,651	188	1,320	4,159
1936	1,836	124	1,096	3,056	1946	3,025	351	1,766	5,142
1937	1,832	193	889	2,914	1947	2,753	237	1,670	4,660
1938	1,960	160	860	2,980	1948	2,469	229	1,439	4,137
1939	1,821	137	694	2,652	1949	1,984	255	1,292	3,531

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