

GOODS FOR WHICH TRADE MARKS REGISTERED.

On referring to Table K it will be seen that the number of applications for registration of marks for food substances (Class 42) is again considerably in excess of those for any other goods, last year's total being 171, as compared with 164 for the previous year. The other principal classes that show an increase are those for chemical substances used in manufactures, &c. (Class 1), 12 in 1905, 9 in 1904; unwrought metals (Class 5), 8 in 1905, and 5 in 1904; musical instruments (Class 9), 11 in 1905, 4 in 1904; cutlery and edge tools (Class 12), 14 in 1905, 9 in 1904; metal goods not included in other classes (Class 13), 24 in 1905, 14 in 1904; articles of clothing (Class 38), 39 in 1905, 30 in 1904; paper (except paper hangings), stationery, and binding (Class 39), 14 in 1905, 10 in 1904; fermented liquors and spirits (Class 43), 30 in 1905, 23 in 1904; mineral and aerated waters (Class 44), 7 in 1905, 4 in 1904; candles, common soap, detergents, &c. (Class 47), 45 in 1905, 43 in 1904; perfumery (including toilet articles), &c. (Class 48), 40 in 1905, 22 in 1904.

COUNTRIES FROM WHICH APPLICATIONS RECEIVED.

There was a falling-off of 50 in the number of applications received from residents of the colony—284 in 1905, as compared with 334 in 1904. Thirty applications were received from Canada, and 156 from the United Kingdom, as compared with 15 and 106 respectively in the previous year. Increases are also shown in the number from France—11 in 1905, 10 in 1904; Holland, 10 in 1905, 1 in 1904; Switzerland, 10 in 1905, none in 1904; while a falling-off occurs in the number from Germany—6 in 1905, 15 in 1904; and a few other countries. The number from the Australian Commonwealth was the same as last year—i.e., 67.

GENERAL.

LIBRARY.

The classified abridgments of English specifications have hitherto been sent out to the colony when a volume covering a number of years had been completed. As these abridgments are very largely used, arrangements have been made for the sheets to be sent out as they are printed in order that they may be available here as early as possible. The first lot of these sheets, to the end of 1903, has lately been received and placed in the library.

In addition to meeting the office in this matter, the Comptroller-General of Patents, London, has also been good enough to accede to the request of the Government to furnish a full set of illustrated abridgments to the public libraries at Christchurch and Dunedin. The public library at Auckland is already in receipt of these publications, and they can now, therefore, be seen at each of the four principal towns of the colony, and will no doubt be largely referred to by inventors and others.

The specifications and drawings of the United States of America, of which only unclassified abridgments have hitherto been received, will shortly be placed on the shelves of the library attached to this office from the beginning of the present year.

PATENT AGENTS.

Four patent agents were registered during the year, bringing the number up to sixty-eight. Being solicitors, these agents were not required to be examined by this office.

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