

TRADE-MARKS.

Receipts during the year on account of trade-mark fees totalled £3,578 19s. 5d., an increase of £117 3s. 4d. over the corresponding amount for the previous year.

The number of applications for registration of trade-marks received during the year was 1,359, representing an increase of 158 over the corresponding total for 1928, when 1,201 applications were received. A comparison with the average number of applications from 1923 to 1928 (inclusive) shows an increase of 109 applications, and it will be noted that, with the exception of 1920, when 1,391 applications were lodged, the total for 1929 is the largest yet received in any one year.

On referring to Table J in the Appendix to this report, it will no doubt be gratifying to note a satisfactory increase in applications from countries within the British Empire, the total number of applications in 1929 being 1,060, as compared with 909 in 1928. The figures for Great Britain, and for those parts of the British Commonwealth of Nations from which the largest numbers of applications were received, are, it will be noted, also well above the average for the years 1923 to 1927 (inclusive).

With regard to the principal foreign countries, a decrease is shown in applications from Germany and the United States of America, while in the case of France there is an increase.

The total number of applications received by the Office up to the 31st December, 1929, was 29,789.

In the following main classes of goods—viz., “Philosophical instruments, scientific instruments, and apparatus for useful purposes; instruments and apparatus for teaching” (Class 8): “Articles of clothing” (Class 38): “Substances used as food or as ingredients in food” (Class 42): and “Miscellaneous” (Class 50)—an increase in the number of applications as compared with 1928 is shown. Comparing the same two periods, a decrease occurred in 1929, in the classes for “Chemical substances prepared for use in medicine and pharmacy” (Class 3): “Machinery of all kinds, and parts of machinery, except agricultural and horticultural machines included in Class 7” (Class 6): and “Candles, common soap, detergents; illuminating, heating, or lubricating oils; matches; and starch, blue and other preparations for laundry purposes” (Class 47).

PATENT AGENTS.

It is regretted having to report the death of Mr. A. J. Park, senior, who was in active practice before this Office for over thirty years. No names were added during the year, and the number of patent Attorneys on the register as at the 31st December, 1929, was nineteen.

CONCLUSION.

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

- A. Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1929.
- B. Table showing Receipts and Payments for each of the Last Ten Years.
- C. Particulars of Fees received from 1st January to 31st December, 1929, together with the Corresponding Figures for the Years 1927 and 1928.
- D. Total Number of Applications for Patents and for Registration of Designs and Trade-marks recorded for the Years 1910 to 1929 (inclusive).
- E. Number of Provisional and Complete Specifications received, &c.
- F. Number of Applications for Patents from Persons residing in New Zealand or Dependencies, &c., and in other Countries in each of the Years 1928 and 1929, together with the Average for the Years 1923–27 (inclusive).
- G. Number of Applications for Patents for the Different Classes of Inventions in each of the Years 1928 and 1929, together with the Average for the Years 1923–27 (inclusive).
- H. Total Number of Applications for Patents, Letters Patents sealed, and Letters Patent in force for Full Term under the Different Patents Acts, up to 31st December, 1929 (inclusive).
- I. Number of Applications for Registration of Designs in each of the Fifteen Classes in each of the Years 1927, 1928, and 1929.
- J. Number of Applications for Registration of Trade-marks from Persons residing in New Zealand or Dependencies, &c., and in other Countries in each of the Years 1928 and 1929, together with the Average for the Years 1923–27 (inclusive).
- K. Number of Applications to register Trade-marks in the Fifty Different Classes in each of the Years 1928 and 1929, together with the Average for the Years 1923–27 (inclusive).

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