

that has recently been made in radio invention. This aspect of the matter is receiving close attention both by New Zealand and by the other members of the international unions to which this country belongs.

DESIGNS.

Applications for registration of designs during the year totalled 185, which, it is satisfactory to note, is the highest number of applications received in any one year since 1927. The total number of applications as at 31st December, 1935, was 3,779. There were 923 design registrations in force at that date, there being 146 registered during the year, while 96 design registrations became void owing to the non-payment of the renewal fees. In 43 cases renewal of the term of copyright for the second term of five years was effected, and in 9 cases for the third term of five years.

Applications from persons resident in New Zealand totalled 81 (68); the next greatest number of applications came from Australia, 58 (32); 36 (18) were from Great Britain; 8 (4) from the United States; and 3 (nil) from France. There were 63 (70) applications in Class 1, while 42 (20) were lodged in Class 3, 30 (2) in Class 13, and 15 (19) in Class 4. The remaining applications were spread over eight classes. There were three classes in which no applications were lodged.

TRADE-MARKS.

During the year under review the number of applications received was 943, being the largest number of applications received since 1931. There was a slight decrease in the number of applications from persons resident in New Zealand, the figures being 447 in 1935 as against 459 in the previous year. There was again an increase in the number of applications from the Commonwealth of Australia, the figures being 122 for the year 1934 and 160 for 1935.

The number of applications from the United States of America, 77, was 15 in excess of the number received from the same country in 1934. Germany was the source of 21 applications, which number showed a slight increase in the number for the previous year, when there were 15 applications. Two applications were received from Italy during the year under review. The number of applications received from Great Britain was 218, being 2 more than the number received from that country in 1934.

As in the previous year the amount received in respect of trade-mark fees was again slightly in excess of the amount received in the year last reported on, the respective amounts for the years 1934 and 1935 being £3,296 15s. 2d. and £3,386 14s. 11d.

While there were slightly fewer applications in Class 42 (substances used as food, or as ingredients in food) than there were in the same class in the previous year, this class again had the greatest number of applications in any one class. The next greatest number of applications was in Class 3 (chemical substances prepared for use in medicine and pharmacy), there being 121 as against 85 in 1934. Next in order of the greatest number of applications was Class 38 (articles of clothing) 77 (86). The number of applications in the other principal classes are as follows: Class 8 (philosophical instruments, scientific instruments, and apparatus for useful purposes; instruments and apparatus for teaching), 54 (60); Class 1 (chemical substances used in manufactures, photography, or philosophical research, and anti-corrosives), 52 (33); Class 39 (paper (except paperhangings), stationery, and book-binding), 47 (22); Class 47 (candles, common soap, detergents, illuminating, heating, or lubricating oils; matches; and starch, blue, and other preparations for laundry purposes), 45 (35).

PATENT AGENTS.

The number of Patent Agents on the register as at 31st December, 1935, was 17, one name having been restored to the register during the year.

CONCLUSION.

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

- A. Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1935.
- B. Table showing Receipts and Payments for each of the Last Ten Years.
- C. Particulars of Fees received from 1st January to 31st December, 1935, together with the Corresponding Figures for the years 1933 and 1934.
- D. Total Number of Applications for Patents and for Registration of Designs and Trade-marks recorded for the years 1912 to 1935 (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 1934 and 1935, together with the Average for the Years 1929-33 (inclusive).
- G. Number of Applications for Patents for the Different Classes of Inventions in each of the Years 1934 and 1935, together with the Average for the Years 1929-33 (inclusive).
- H. Total Number of Applications for Patents, Letters Patent sealed, and Letters Patent in force for Full Term under the Different Patents Acts, up to 31st December, 1935 (inclusive).
- I. Number of Applications for Registration of Designs in each of the Fifteen Classes in each of the Years 1933, 1934, and 1935.
- 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 1934 and 1935, together with the Average for the Years 1929-33 (inclusive).
- K. Number of Applications to register Trade-marks in the Fifty Different Classes in each of the Years 1934 and 1935, together with the Average for the Years 1929-33 (inclusive).

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