

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

During the year the following specifications were recommended to the Minister of Industries and Commerce for declaration as standard specifications or for withdrawal :—

| Industry, Commodity, or Service. | New Standards. | | | Withdrawals. |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------|--------------|
| | British. | New Zealand. | Total. | |
| Building | 9 | 3 | 12 | .. |
| Chemical engineering | 4 | .. | 4 | .. |
| Chemical and scientific apparatus | 7 | .. | 7 | .. |
| Electrical engineering | 12 | 1 | 13 | 1 |
| Household commodities | .. | 6 | 6 | .. |
| Iron and steel | 7 | .. | 7 | 2 |
| Mechanical engineering | 12 | .. | 12 | 1 |
| Nomenclature, abbreviations, &c. | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Non-ferrous metals | 16 | .. | 16 | .. |
| Paints, varnishes, colours, &c. | 4 | .. | 4 | .. |
| Plastics | 2 | .. | 2 | .. |
| Plumbing | 9 | .. | 9 | .. |
| Rubber | 1 | .. | 1 | .. |
| Safety | 2 | 1 | 3 | .. |
| Textiles and clothing | .. | 2 | 2 | .. |
| Miscellaneous | 6 | 3 | 9 | .. |
| Emergency standards | .. | .. | .. | 17 |
| Totals | 93* | 17 | 110 | 22 |

* Includes 15 with amendment to suit New Zealand requirements.

In addition to the above standards, the revisions of 12 standards and 31 amendments to other standards were recommended for declaration.

New Zealand standards now total: Regular, 775; Government purchasing, 4; emergency, 123: grand total, 902.

Details of new standards, revisions, amendments, and withdrawals are shown in the Appendix hereto.

STANDARD MARK

During the year 42 licences were granted and 280 were cancelled, mostly by businesses that had ceased operating, had changed their activities, or were working on a scale so limited as not to justify the continuance of their licences. The total of the licences in force at the end of the year was 825.

STANDARDS COUNCIL

General

The Standards Council and its Executive Committee considered all requests for the development of standard specifications, reviewed specifications received from overseas, examined the reports of all meetings held during the year, and directed the necessary action arising therefrom.

Standardization Projects

The Standards Council, in response to requests from responsible interests, authorized the following projects: fire fighting equipment in buildings; fire alarm installations; carbon dioxide fire extinguishers; cast manhole covers, road gully gratings and frames; W.C. seats (wood and laminated); grading of ready-mixed paints for exterior use on