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NEW ZEALAND STANDARDS COUNCIL

(DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE)

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1943-44

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Leave

The Hon. D. G. SULLIVAN, Minister of Industries and Commerce

SIR,—

I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report of the New Zealand Standards Council for the year ended 31st March, 1944.

I have, &c.,

L. J. SCHMITT,

Permanent Head, Department of Industries and Commerce.

A. R. GALBRAITH, M.Inst.C.E., F.R.S.E., Chairman, New Zealand Standards Council.

L. J. McDONALD, Secretary, New Zealand Standards Council.

REPORT

In view of the continued need to conserve paper, this report of the Standards Council for the year ending 31st March, 1944, is condensed to a summary of general activities.

MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES

During the year 128 meetings of standing committees have taken place, in addition to 22 formal conferences and approximately 45 informal conferences, a total of 195 meetings.

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS ISSUED

Regular Standard Specifications.—Thirty-seven Regular Standard Specifications have been adopted during the year. Of these, 14 relate to electrical engineering, 19 to mechanical engineering, 3 to chemistry, and 1 to building materials and construction. Two of the 37 Standard Specifications originated and have been developed in New Zealand. The remaining 35 are British Standards which have been carefully examined by the appropriate committees and affected interests, and have been found suitable for adoption as New Zealand Standard Specifications. In addition, two British Standards, previously adopted as New Zealand Standard Specifications and since revised and issued as Emergency British Standards, have been adopted as New Zealand Emergency Standard Specifications to supersede the two corresponding British Standards previously adopted. Revisions of three British Standards previously adopted as New Zealand Standard Specifications have been endorsed as revisions of the New Zealand Standard Specifications. Three Standard Specifications have been withdrawn during the year, bringing the total of existing Regular Standard Specifications to 421.

Emergency Standard Specifications.—Forty-five War Emergency Standard Specifications have been adopted during the year. Of these, 14 are commodity standards, 16 relate to overseas purchasing, 7 to mechanical engineering, 3 to electrical engineering, 1 to civil engineering, 3 to chemistry, and 1 to paint. Nine of these Emergency Standards are British Standards which have been adopted as New Zealand Emergency Standards. In addition, two original Emergency Standard Specifications have been revised.

The total number of Regular and Emergency Standard Specifications adopted during the year is therefore 82, a list of which appears in the Appendix hereto. The year's work has increased the number of War Emergency Standard Specifications to 163 and the number of Regular Standard Specifications to 421, making a grand total of 584 New Zealand Standard Specifications.