

There were reported thirty-three accidents to human beings due to electrical causes and six to stock. Six of the accidents to human beings were fatal and all of those to stock.

Details of the accidents to human beings are—

Children (under eight years)	..	..	1
Commercial users	..	..	2
Domestic users	..	..	1
Electrical employees (other than linesmen)	..	..	6 (1 fatal)
Electrical linesmen	..	..	10 (2 fatal)
General public (not otherwise classified)	..	..	7
Industrial users	..	..	1 (fatal)
Tradesmen (not otherwise classified)	..	..	5 (2 fatal)
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REGISTRATION OF ELECTRICAL WIREMEN

Examinations were held for electrical wiremen, electrical servicemen, radio servicemen, radio transmitters, and cinematograph operators.

Special examinations were again held overseas in Italy, Middle East, and in the Pacific Areas for members of the Armed Forces, while special examinations were also held in New Zealand for returned servicemen.

The September examination for electrical wiremen was noteworthy for an outstanding achievement by an Electrical Supply Authority apprentice from Masterton, who secured the highest marks for New Zealand in both the written and the practical parts of the examination.

A record number of candidates sat the regular wiremen's and servicemen's examinations in New Zealand during the year; 1,080 candidates sitting the September, 1945, examinations, and 1,168 candidates the March, 1946, examinations; a grand total of 2,248 candidates. Of this number, 934 candidates sat the wiremen's examinations—i.e., 538 written part and 396 practical part.

Assessment of credit for rehabilitation trade training purposes continues to occupy the time of the Registration Board to a large extent. To date, credit has been assessed for full registration purposes in 154 cases, and for limited registration purposes in 103 cases. Of these numbers, it is estimated that in 55 cases trade training agreements have already been entered into for full registration and 5 for limited registration training.

During the year quite a number of English, Australian, and American personnel, demobilized in New Zealand, have applied for recognition of previous electrical experience, both civilian and Armed Forces, with the object of continuing the trade in this country.

APPRECIATION

I would also thank all members of the Department for their loyal co-operation and assistance and to place on record my appreciation of their services during a particularly trying period.

I have, &c.,

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