

The following licences and permits to use water-power and/or to erect and use electric lines were also issued, revoked, or assigned :—

Electric Lines—					Electric-supply Authorities.	Private Individuals.
Licences—						
Issued	..	..	..	..	9	3
Assigned	..	..	..	..	..	3
Revoked	..	..	..	..	..	1
Permits issued	..	..	..	..	..	1
Use of Water Power—						
(a) To generate electricity—						
Licences—						
Issued	..	..	..	..	1	5
Assigned	..	..	..	..	..	3
Revoked	..	..	..	..	1	2
Permits—						
Issued	..	..	..	..	..	7
Assigned	..	..	..	..	..	1
(b) To drive machinery—						
Permit issued	..	..	..	..	..	1
Combined electric lines and water-power licences—						
Issued	..	..	..	..	..	6
Assigned	..	..	..	..	..	3
Revoked	..	..	..	..	..	4
Permits to carry out wiring work in connection with private plants: Issued	..	..	..	..	..	147

Fifty-five Electric Supply Authorities gave notice of their intention to make a total of 622 extensions to their electric lines.

There were 3,695 broken wires and 256 broken poles reported by Authorities. The principal causes of the wires being broken were: trees, 1,112 (30·1 per cent.); contact, 1,054 (28·5 per cent.); gale, 450 (12·2 per cent.); vibration, 144 (3·9 per cent.); pole hit by vehicle, 127 (3·4 per cent.); binder failure, 93 (2·5 per cent.).

The following table shows the number of electrical accidents reported compared with the previous year :—

	Year ended 31st March, 1948.			Year ended 31st March, 1947.		
	Fatal.	Non-fatal.	Total.	Fatal.	Non-fatal.	Total.
Child (up to seven years inclusive)	6	2	8	2	3	5
Commercial (shops, offices, &c.)	..	1	1	..	..	..
Domestic (hotels, boardinghouses, &c.)	1	5	6	1	3	4
Electrical linemen	..	9	9	1	5	6
Electrical worker (other than linemen)	3	6	9	2	4	6
General public	1	3	4	4	3	7
Industrial (factories, workshops, &c.)	1	..	1	..	1	1
Other trades	..	5	5	2	5	7
Other workers	..	6	6	2	..	2
Painters	..	1	1	..	..	..
Plumbers	..	1	1	..	..	..
Telephone linemen	1	1	2	2	2	4
Young persons (over seven but not over fifteen years)	2	2	4	..	1	1
Total	15	42	57	16	27	43
Mechanical (fall from pole, &c.)	2	1	3	..	..	..
Stock	2	..	2	23	..	23