

Taps.—The draft standard specification for bib, pillar, hose, and globe taps and stop-taps was circulated to the interested parties for comment, as indicated in the last report, and as a result of the consideration of the comments received it was recommended for adoption as a standard specification. It establishes a standard range of sizes and essential dimensions, as well as minimum requirements relating to materials, construction, and finish, and will thus ensure that taps made to its provisions will prove satisfactory in service.

W.C. Pans.—During the year, further attention was given to the drafting of a suitable addendum to the British standard for ceramic washdown W.C. pans which has been adopted as a New Zealand standard specification with the addition of requirements relating to vent horns and intermediate and juvenile pans.

Traps and Wastes.—A draft standard specification for non-ferrous (excluding lead) traps and wastes was circulated for comment during the year.

Ceramics Sectional Committee

Sanitary Ware Committee Two meetings.

Fireclay Urinals.—A draft standard specification for fireclay urinals was circulated during the year for comment by the affected interests, which included minimum requirements relating to materials, dimensions, construction, and essential features of design.

Ceramic Lavatory Basins.—After careful consideration of the comments received during the circulation of the draft standard specification for ceramic lavatory basins for review and comment, the responsible committee decided that the British standard, B.S. 1188—1944, should be adopted in New Zealand, subject to minor amendments to meet local conditions, thereby contributing towards uniformity of requirements between Great Britain and New Zealand.

COMMERCIAL STANDARDIZATION

Packaging Divisional Committee

Non-metal Containers Sectional Committee	..	..	..	One meeting.
Metal Containers Sectional Committee	..	..	..	One meeting.
Containers Marking Sectional Committee	..	..	..	One meeting.
Dangerous Goods Marking Committee	..	..	..	One meeting.
Commodity Marking Committee	..	..	..	Two meetings.

Parent Committee.—In view of the wide scope of its activities, the Packaging Sectional Committee was reconstituted as a divisional committee, and at its first meeting as such decided to divide its work into three main sections: non-metal containers, metal containers, and marking of containers.

Non-metal Containers.—At its inaugural meeting, the Non-metal Containers Sectional Committee decided to proceed with the formulation of standard specifications for wooden, glass, cardboard, and fibreboard containers, and set up working committees to undertake the drafting of the relevant standard specifications in each case. These specifications will establish requirements in relation to materials, workmanship, construction, size, and capacity for each type of container.

Metal Containers.—Similarly, the Metal Containers Sectional Committee undertook the formulation of standard specifications for tins, cans, canisters, drums, barrels, and large metal containers, and set up two working committees, one to deal with the smaller containers and one with the larger types.