

Joint Services Stores Committee as to the items which should be standardized, and confine its activities to the actual formulation of the necessary standard specifications as requested. Arising out of representations made by the Standards Council, arrangements were made for a representative of the Standards Institute to be co-opted to the Joint Services Stores Committee while matters relating to standardization are under consideration. This procedure will ensure, as far as practicable, that personnel service stores will be purchased to standard specifications for similar commodities and so avoid manufacture to service specifications, which are only immaterially different from those for civilian requirements, and so retard production and considerably increase costs.

Publications Sizes and Format Committee

(Two meetings)

Government Publications.—This committee completed the formulation of a standard specification for the format and sizes of Government publications. The specification reduces to six the number of sizes to be used for all Government publications, with the exception of a few other sizes for special purposes. In addition, it sets out the essential information which should be incorporated in each publication. In this way, it will simplify printing, filing, indexing, and reference to the publications concerned.

Hospital Temperature Charts Committee

(One meeting)

Clinical Charts.—The draft standard specification for clinical charts, referred to in the last annual report, was completed during the year. It has been formulated in full consultation with the Hospital Boards, medical, and other authorities concerned, and will be instrumental in introducing a very desirable uniformity throughout the Dominion that will facilitate the marking and reading of the information recorded.

Cost Accounting

Cost Accounting Terminology Panel	..	..	..	One meeting.
Footwear Costing Subcommittee	..	..	..	Two meetings.

Cost Accounting Terminology.—A special panel met to attend to the final editing of the proposed standard code of cost accounting terminology, in the course of which it included two further definitions relating to marginal costing, an aspect of cost accounting which has recently been given increased attention.

Footwear Costing.—The Footwear Costing Sub committee completed a draft standard method of presenting footwear costs that will provide a uniform method of presentation of all costs incurred in the manufacture of footwear up to and including its preparation for distribution, and include a model cost sheet the use of which should greatly assist the analysis of footwear-production costs on a comparative basis and also prove of great convenience to manufacturers in their factory accounting.

DOMESTIC COMMODITY STANDARDIZATION

Commodity Divisional Council

(One meeting)

Parent Committee.—The parent committee reviewed and directed the work of the commodity standardization being carried out under its control. It also considered 2 British standards and referred them to appropriate working committees for detailed consideration.