

of the reports of all the working parties which were set up in England to examine the clothing industries and to recommend the manner in which they could be rendered most efficient was the emphasis laid upon the need for standards for sizes, quality of materials, and making. Of particular interest are the following recommendations contained in the report on the light clothing industry :—

11. The standards which are now in operation under the Utility scheme in respect of quality of materials, method of making, and size measurements should be continued. If the Utility scheme is withdrawn, unless some general system of standards has been brought into operation in the meantime, standards similar to those under the Utility scheme should be promulgated and enforced.

12. The proposed Clothing Industries Joint Development Council should deal continuously with the question of standards for the products of the industry. It should encourage the United Committee to continue the excellent work they are doing for all sections of the Light Clothing Industry in conjunction with the British Standards Institution on the problem of sizes and standards for the products of the industry, and the investigation into what standards should be established for the various kinds of garments, and for the provision of suitable stands, in conjunction with the appropriate authorities and organizations.

Girls' Outerwear Sizes.—At the meeting of the Girls' Outerwear Sizes Committee, agreement was reached to proceed with the formulation of a standard specification for sizes of frocks, gym frocks, blouses, and coats, and to this end a panel was set up to undertake the necessary preliminary investigation and drafting.

Men's Working Garments.—The original emergency standard specification for men's working garments was reviewed in the light of experience of its initial use and, in a slightly amended and more effective form, was recommended for issue in the regular series of standard specifications.

Shirt and Pyjama Sizes.—Similarly, the original emergency standard specifications for sizes for men's and boys' shirts and pyjamas was reviewed and recommended for issue in the regular series of standard specifications, subject to some minor amendments.

Leather Dress Gloves.—The standard specification originally issued in the emergency series was reviewed and endorsed for reissue in the regular series of standard specifications. Also, the Gloves Approvals Advisory Panel continued to examine specimen trunks and gloves submitted with applications for licences to use the Standard Mark.

Household Utensils

Household Tinware Utensils Committee	..	..	..	Two meetings.
Pressed Steel Household Utensils Committee	..	..	..	Two meetings.
Mincers Committee	..	..	..	Two meetings.
Carpet Sweepers Committee	..	..	..	One meeting.

Household Tinware Utensils.—The emergency standard specification for household tinware utensils was reviewed prior to being recommended for incorporation in the regular series of standard specifications. Subject to minor amendments, the provisions were endorsed as being suitable for retention on a permanent basis. The specification establishes minimum requirements for eight classes of household tinware utensils, including cooking utensils, saucepans, milk billies, colanders, watering cans, meat safes, and babies' baths.

Pressed Steel Household Utensils.—Draft standard specifications were completed for pressed steel kitchen sinks and frying pans and enamelled pressed steel saucepans and pie dishes. These draft specifications establish minimum requirements relating to quality and utility, including such factors as nature and thickness of the base metal, and the quality of the enamel coating and its resistance to acids, as well as the methods of attaching handles, and the like. In the case of sinks, the position and diameters of tap holes and wastes, and over-all sizes, are also specified, to facilitate planning and installation.