

MEETINGS

During the year 168 meetings were held as follows: Standards Council 3, Executive Committee 5, Standing committees and formal conferences 137, *Ad hoc* subcommittees and panels 23.

STANDARDS COUNCIL

Standard Specifications

During the year the following specifications were recommended by the Standards Council for declaration as standard specifications by the Minister of Industries and Commerce:—

	New Standards.				Withdrawals: Emergency.
	British.	New Zealand.	American.	Total.	
Building	2	5	..	7	..
Chemical engineering	2	..	..	2	..
Chemicals and scientific apparatus ..	14	..	..	14	..
Electrical engineering	6	2	..	8	..
Gas and solid fuel	1	..	..	1	..
Household commodities	..	10	..	10	2
Iron and steel	6	..	..	6	..
Illumination and lighting fittings ..	1	..	..	1	..
Mechanical engineering	14	..	..	14	..
Nomenclature, abbreviations, &c. ..	1	..	..	1	..
Non-ferrous metals	1	..	..	1	..
Plumbing	5	3	..	8	..
Radio components	..	..	7	7	..
Textiles and clothing	..	1	..	1	1
Miscellaneous	4	3	..	7	..
Government purchasing standards ..	..	2	..	2	1
Totals	57*	26	7	90	4

* Includes 4 with amendments to suit New Zealand requirements. In addition to the above new standards, the revisions of 7 standards and 41 amendments to 29 standards were recommended for declaration. Also, 44 standard specifications which had been adopted previous to 1st April, 1947, were formally recommended for declaration pursuant to the Standards Act, 1941.

New Zealand standards now total: Regular, 670; Government purchasing, 4; emergency, 140; grand total, 814.

Details of the new standards, revisions, amendments, and withdrawals are shown in an Appendix.

Standardization Projects

The Standards Council or its Executive Committee, after examination of representations from various interests, decided that the following additional projects should be undertaken: Builders' hardware made from zinc-base alloys; paint ingredients; leather travel bags and handbags; felt wood-heel cosy slippers; general by-laws for municipalities; building by-laws for Councils; commercial paper sizes and envelope sizes; hose reels for fire protection purposes; classification and grading of *Pinus radiata*; industrial safety and hygiene; reinforced concrete poles for electrical transmission and traction; rules of procedure for the conduct of business at meetings; domestic electric connector boxes; concrete farm equipment; code of practice for laying tennis courts; elements and thermostats for thermal storage electric water-heaters; antimonial alloy; enamel paints; sizes for children's hosiery; theatre construction; carpenter's levels.