

of standardization in the international field will yield much greater benefits than have been conceived in the past and may well open a vast new era of scientific, technological, and industrial progress.

EXCHANGE OF STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

Under the reciprocal exchange arrangement which exists among the English-speaking and several other countries, copies of all specifications formulated in New Zealand were sent to the standardizing bodies in these countries. In return, during the year under review, New Zealand received 2,060 similar documents from 27 standards and other organizations, as set out in Table B hereunder. This reciprocal arrangement assists to ensure that, in so far as is practicable and desirable, uniform standard specifications are adopted by the countries concerned. Following the increased attention that has been given to international standardization, the exchange of specifications was extended during the year to the national standards organizations in Italy and Japan.

Table B—Specifications Received from Other Countries

Source of Supply.	New, Revised, and Tentative Standards.	Draft Standards.	Total.
<i>National Standardizing Bodies</i>			
British Standards Institution	133	216	349
Standards Association of Australia	38	22	60
Canadian Standards Association	10	..	10
Indian Standards Institution	..	2	2
South African Bureau of Standards	15	71	86
South African Standards Institution	..	1	1
American Standards Association	56	..	56
Association Francaise de Normalisation (France)	237	76	313
Associaçao Brasileira de Normas Tecnicas (Brazil)	1	..	1
Dansk Standardiseringsraad (Denmark)	11	3	14
Finlands Standardiserings Commission (Finland)	40	..	40
Hoofidcommissie Voor de Normalisatie in Nederland (Holland)	13	18	31
Institut Belge de Normalisation (Belgium)	12	10	22
Institute for Industrial Research and Standards (Eire)	..	5	5
Instituto Uruguayo de Normas Tecnicas (Uruguay)	58	..	58
Magyar Onszagas Szabványok (Hungary)	217	..	217
Osterreichischer Normenausschuss (Austria)	90	..	90
Standards Institution of Palestine	10	5	15
Vsesojuznyj Komitet Standardtov (USSR)	125	..	125
<i>Other Organizations</i>			
American Society for Testing Materials	256	..	256
Canadian Government Specifications Board	106	..	106
Indian Railways Board	10	..	10
National Electrical Manufacturers' Association	2	..	2
Society of Automotive Engineers	15	..	15
Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (Britain)	17	..	17
United States Department of Commerce (National Bureau of Standards)	28	..	28
United States Treasury Department (Bureau of Federal Supply)	131	..	131
Totals	1,631	429	2,060

SALES OF STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

During the year sales of standard specifications totalled 25,201 volumes. Proceeds totalled £3,083 9s.