

LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED.

The following water-power and electric-line licenses (61) and permits (11) have been issued during the period between 30th June, 1936, and 30th June, 1937: *Licenses*—J. H. Donaldson, Okaihau; F. H. S. Smith, Albury; G. W. McCaa, Tutaki; G. Murray, Braemar; G. G. Murray, Glenmore; Hall Association, Ranfurly; G. C. L. Birdling, Orari; F. H. Newman, Owen River; W. Webber, Kaeo; T. A. Hows, Kaeo; S. Grey, Winchester; T. Harrison, Winchester; M. M. Woolley, Peel Forest; A. F. Speight, Otautau; J. Goodger, Lindis Pass; R. T. Cole, Tikitiki; A. P. Leigh, Kaikohe; Hydro Coal Mines, Ltd., Westport; Hume Pipe Co., Cobb River (two amendments); Hutt Valley Power Board; Westland Power Board (Kumara area); Molyneux Gold-dredging Co., Clyde; Tourist Department, Rotorua; Queenstown Borough Council (additions); S. Long, Wellsford; W. F. Baldwin, Ohacawai; Haldane and Polglase, Bainham; P. R. Sargood, Pembroke; Waitemata Power Board; Golden Bay Power Board; N. W. Gibbs, Murchison; J. Hill, Kawhia Road; J. S. Bailey, Tutaki; M. M. Massey, Waipu; C. F. G. Parr, Pirongia; C. F. Turk, Karamea; N. S. Grant, Waipu; W. G. Grant, Bainham; L. Cooper, Whangamomona; Taranaki Power Board; L. L. W. Heaphy, Berlins; J. C. Minifie, Coroglen; Kaikohe Town Board; F. R. Cripps, Whatoro; Chamber of Commerce, Coromandel; G. H. Strieff, Te Aroha; B. D. Bosca, Murchison; Co-operative Dairy Co., Awanui; A. E. Walker, Kokopu; Northland Radios, Kaikohe; Westport Coal Co. (consolidation); Taihape Borough Council; H. Baigent and Sons, Nelson; Hall Committee, Omarama; A. C. Sutton, Kurow; N. Wells, Mercury Bay; Bruce Bay Timber Co., Bruce Bay; W. M. Sutherland, Omarama; W. O. Rutherford, Culverden; D. Powick, Wekaweka. *Revocations* (2)—M. and J. W. F. McBeth, Puriri; P. Prendergast, Ikamatua. *Assignments* (4)—Hume Pipe Co. (Australia), Ltd.; L. Cooper, Rai Valley; P. Spender, Rawene; Tokomaru Farmers' Co-operative Co., Tokomaru Bay. *Permits* (11)—Puriri Timber Co., Kaingaroa; J. T. W. Marshall, Murapara; H. Foster, Otiria; W. Berry, Harihari; S. J. Bergman, Kakapotahi; E. K. Blundell, Okoke; G. McKenzie, Mangatoro Valley; S. Knight and Son, Ongarue; L. W. Todd, Tutaki; J. A. Taylor, Mapiu; A. C. G. Fell, Nikau Bay.

ELECTRICAL ACCIDENTS.

During the year there were reported to the Department forty-seven electrical accidents, involving the loss of human life in eleven instances. (Three of the accidents included more than one person injured.) Corresponding figures for 1936 were forty-eight and nine respectively.

This year's electrical accidents resulted in injuries (fatal and otherwise) to the following:—

Electrical employees	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Other tradesmen	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
General public	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
Stock	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
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Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	47
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The following is a summary of electrical accidents for the past five years—viz., 1933 to 1937:—

Classification.	1933.		1934.		1935.		1936.		1937.		Totals.	
	Total.	Fatal.	Total.	Fatal.	Total.	Fatal.	Total.	Fatal.	Total.	Fatal.		
Electrical employees	15	2	12	2	17	2	13	2	15	..	72	8
Other tradesmen	9	4	1	..	3	..	10	1	6	2	29	7
General public	7	6	19	8	17	5	20	6	23	9	86	34
Stock	8	..	1	..	8	..	9	..	3	..	29	..
Totals	39	12	33	10	45	7	52	9	47	11	216	49

ELECTRICAL FIRES.

During the year there were twenty-three fires attributed to electrical causes and reported to the Department by electrical-supply authorities, as per list below. The corresponding figures for 1936 and 1935 were twenty-seven and twenty-two respectively.

The sources of this year's electrical fires included the following:—

Electric irons	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Other electrical appliances	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Defective installations	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Defective flexible cords	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Defective radio installation	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bedding in contact with lamp	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Contact between distribution and service lines	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Lightning	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
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Totals	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
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