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# NEW ZEALAND STANDARDS COUNCIL

(DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE)

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1944-45

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*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Leave*

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The Hon. D. G. SULLIVAN, Minister of Industries and Commerce.

SIR,—

I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report of the New Zealand Standards Council for the year ended 31st March, 1945.

I have, &c.,

L. J. SCHMITT,

Permanent Head, Department of Industries and Commerce.

A. R. GALBRAITH, M.Inst.C.E., F.R.S.E., Chairman, New Zealand Standards Council.

L. J. McDONALD, Secretary, New Zealand Standards Council.

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## REPORT

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ALTHOUGH it has been possible to present a somewhat fuller report this year, the continued need to conserve paper prevents more than a general review of the activities of the Standards Council.

### MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES

During the year, 158 meetings of standing committees were held, in addition to 25 formal conferences, a total of 183 meetings.

### STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS ISSUED

*Regular Standard Specifications.*—During the year 15 additional Regular Standard Specifications were adopted, of which 7 relate to electrical engineering, 5 to mechanical engineering, and 3 to chemistry. These are all British Standards which have been found suitable for adoption in New Zealand after careful examination by the appropriate committees and by the affected interests. In addition, a revision of a British Standard previously adopted as a New Zealand Standard Specification has been endorsed as a revision of the New Zealand Standard Specification. Two other British Standards which were adopted as New Zealand Standard Specifications have now been superseded by War Emergency British Standards which have been adopted as New Zealand Emergency Standard Specifications in place of the two regular Standards. Three Standard Specifications have been withdrawn during the year, bringing the total of existing Regular Standard Specifications to 433.

*Emergency Standard Specifications.*—Thirty-five additional Emergency Standard Specifications were adopted during the year, of which 15 are British Emergency Standards, the remaining 20 being original New Zealand Standard Specifications. The 35 additional Emergency Standards comprise 15 commodity standards, 10 relating to mechanical engineering, 4 to electrical engineering, 1 to civil engineering, and 5 to chemistry. In addition, 2 original Emergency Standard Specifications have been revised.

The total number of Regular and Emergency Standard Specifications adopted during the year, as listed in the Appendix hereto, is therefore 50. The year's work has increased the number of Emergency Standard Specifications to 197 and the Regular Standard Specifications to 433, making a grand total of 630 New Zealand Standard Specifications at the conclusion of the year under review.