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NEW ZEALAND

STANDARDS COUNCIL

(Department of Industries and Commerce)

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1945-46

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Leave

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

SIR,—

I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report of the Standards Council for the year ended 31st March, 1946.

I have, &c.,

P. B. MARSHALL,

Permanent Head, Department of Industries and Commerce.

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

L. J. McDONALD, Secretary, Standards Council.

REPORT

MEETINGS

During the year 147 meetings of standing committees were held in addition to 16 formal conferences, a total of 163 meetings.

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

Regular Standard Specifications.—Thirty-seven regular standard specifications were adopted during the year, 31 relating to consumer commodities, 3 to electrical engineering, 1 to mechanical engineering, 1 to building construction, and 1 to conversion factors and tables. Of these, 5 were British standards which were endorsed as New Zealand standard specifications, in one case with a local amendment, as a result of careful examination by the appropriate committee and by the affected interests. In addition, a revised British standard was adopted as a revision of the corresponding New Zealand standard specification. Thirteen emergency amendments and 5 regular amendments to regular standard specifications were also adopted. Of these, all except 2 regular amendments were amendments to British standards previously adopted. Two regular standard specifications, which were superseded by emergency standard specifications, were withdrawn during the year, bringing the total number of existing regular New Zealand standard specifications to 468.

Emergency Standard Specifications.—Twenty-eight emergency standard specifications were adopted during the year, 9 relating to building construction and allied subjects, 6 to consumer commodities, 10 to mechanical engineering, 1 to electrical engineering, 1 to plumbing, and 1 to stretchers for Army use. Of these, 10 were British emergency standards adopted as New Zealand emergency standard specifications after examination