

control, which may be upon a consumer's premises, being maintained in a safe condition, and in all respects fit for supplying energy.

In delivering the energy to consumers' terminals, the Board shall exercise all due precautions, so as to avoid risk of causing fire on the premises.

A suitable safety-fuse or other automatic circuit-breaker shall be inserted in each service line within a consumer's premises as close as possible to the point of entry, and contained within a suitable locked or sealed receptacle of fire-proof construction.

All electric wires placed on a consumer's premises shall be insulated with rubber of 600-megohm grade, and shall be thoroughly protected against injury to the insulation or access of moisture. All electric wires shall be so fixed and protected as to prevent the possibility of electrical discharge to any adjacent metallic substance.

Installation on Consumer's Premises.

26. The Board shall not connect the wires and fittings on a consumer's premises with its mains, or, in the case of premises already connected, continue the supply from its mains, unless it is reasonably satisfied that the requirements of this license are complied with, that the wiring and fittings are suitable for the voltage at which supply is being given, that the installation generally is in accordance with the requirements of good practice, and that the connection and continuance of supply would not cause a leakage from those wires and fittings exceeding one ten-thousandth part of the maximum supply current to the premises.

For the purpose of satisfying itself that the requirements of this license are being observed, in so far as they apply to wires on consumer's premises, the Board may require that notice be served upon it of the intention to instal wires, fittings, lamps, motors, or other apparatus on any premises, and may inspect the same during any reasonable hours while the installation of such is in progress.

Testing Consumer's Installations.

27. If the Board is reasonably satisfied, after making all proper examinations by testing or otherwise, that the wiring and fittings are not suitable for the voltage being employed, that a leakage exists at some part of the circuit of such extent as to be a source of danger, and that such leakage does not exist at any part of the circuit belonging to the Board, or that any requirements of this license are not being complied with, then, and in such case, any officer of the Board duly authorized by it in writing may, for the purpose of discovering whether the leakage exists at any part of the circuit within or upon any consumer's premises, or whether the wiring is suitable and the general requirements of the license are complied with, by notice require the consumer, at some reasonable time after the service of the notice, to permit him to inspect and to test the wires and fittings belonging to the consumer and forming part of the circuit.

If on such testing and inspection the officer discovers a leakage in the consumer's wires exceeding one ten-thousandth part of the maximum supply current to the premises, or that the requirements of this license are not being properly conformed to, or if the consumer does not give all due facilities for inspection and testing, the Board shall either not commence the supply or shall forthwith discontinue the supply of energy to the premises in question, giving immediate notice to the consumer of its reasons for not commencing or for discontinuing the supply; and in either case supply shall not be given until the Board is reasonably satisfied that the installation is in conformity with the requirements of this license.

If any consumer is dissatisfied with the action of the Board in refusing to give, or in discontinuing, or in not commencing the supply of energy to his premises the wires and fittings of that consumer may, on his application to the Minister and on payment of the cost, be inspected and tested by the Inspecting Engineer. This provision shall be endorsed on every notice given under the provisions of either of the two preceding paragraphs.

Plans.

28. The Board shall, before the erection or construction of any part of the work hereby authorized is begun, submit for the approval of the Minister such plans and other information showing and describing such work as he may require. In the event of the Board desiring to make alterations to the work involving a departure from the type of construction shown on the approved plan, it shall submit for the Minister's approval plans showing such type of construction as it is proposed to adopt, and with such approval the alterations may be carried out.

Notice regarding Extensions, &c.

29. Before commencing the erection of any part of the lines hereby authorized, or the extension of any line already

erected, the Board shall give at least seven days' notice in writing to the Resident Engineer of the Public Works Department at Napier, and also to the District Engineer of the Post and Telegraph Department at Wellington, or his deputy, of its intention to carry out the work, and shall forward to the Minister a locality plan showing the route of any extension.

Time for Construction.

30. The construction of the works hereby authorized shall be substantially commenced on or before the first day of July, 1914, and shall be completed on or before the first day of July, 1915.

Notice of Completion.

31. The Board shall, prior to the completion of the said works or any separate portion thereof, give to the Minister at least one month's notice in writing of the estimated date of such completion.

Commencement of Supply.

32. The Board shall not use any portion of the electric lines authorized by this license, or permit the same to be used, for any purpose, until the Minister has given notice in writing to the Board that he has received from the Inspecting Engineer a certificate that the said work, or any portion thereof, has been satisfactorily carried out.

Inspection of Works.

33. The Minister may at any time order an inspection to be made of the works, lines, and wires of the Board used for electric lighting and power purposes. If any defect is found to exist it must be remedied forthwith; and if, in the opinion of the officer or person inspecting, such default is serious the Minister may, on receipt of the report, direct the Board to at once cease transmitting energy either over the whole of the Board's line and wires, or over any specified part thereof, until such defect is repaired or remedied. The cost of such inspection shall be borne by the Board.

Compliance with Conditions.

34. For the purpose of ascertaining whether the conditions of this license are being faithfully complied with by the Board, the Minister, or any person appointed by him on that behalf, may at all reasonable times enter on the land and works and inspect the same.

Assignment.

35. This license and the benefits and obligations hereunder shall not be assigned by the Board without the express consent in writing of the Minister first had and obtained, but such consent shall not be withheld if it is proved to the satisfaction of the Minister that the transferee is financially and otherwise able to carry out the obligations specified in this license.

Default and Penalty.

36. If the Board fails to comply with any of the conditions of this license the Minister may, by notice in writing, require the Board within thirty days to remedy the default specified in that notice, but it shall not be held to have committed default for any failure to maintain power continuously if such failure is due to breakdown of machinery or other accident, unless such breakdown or accident is proved to be due to negligence on the part of the Board; and if the Board fails to comply with the terms of the notice within the said period, it shall be liable to a penalty of £20, to be recoverable by or on behalf of the Minister as a debt due to the Crown. The recovery of a penalty under this license shall not affect the liability (if any) of the Board to pay or make compensation in respect of any damage or injury which may be caused by reason of the default.

Revocation of the License.

37. Notwithstanding anything in the last preceding clause hereof, if the Board fails to comply with the terms of any such notice for ninety days after the receipt thereof, the Governor in Council may thereupon revoke this license without further notice.

Public Works Compensation.

38. Nothing in this license shall be deemed in any way to interfere with, affect, or abridge any right or powers vested in His Majesty the King, or in the Governor on his behalf, authorizing the construction, management, or working of any public works; nor shall any compensation be payable to or on behalf of the Board for injury done to the works herein authorized by the construction, management, or working of any such public work as aforesaid, or for the loss occasioned thereby, or for the exercise of any such right or power as aforesaid.