

five-and-a-half shall be provided with horizontal landings or platforms at convenient intervals, and the space between landings or between a landing and the end of the fire-escape shall not, if in stairway form, contain more than fifteen steps, and shall in no case exceed a length equal to 15 ft. measured on a horizontal projection.

DESIGN OF LANDINGS.

44. Every horizontal landing or platform shall be of the full width of the footway and of a length at least equal to that width.

BENDS.

45. Whenever the direction of a stairway changes in plan a horizontal landing or platform shall be provided, and no stairway shall be constructed with winders.

PART VII.—HANDRAILS.

HANDRAILS TO BE PROVIDED.

46. Every fire-escape having a side or sides not placed against a building shall have such side or sides provided with a substantial handrail at a height above the footway (measured in the case of a stairway from the front edge of each step) of not less than 33 in. nor more than 38 in.

HANDRAILS TO BE SMOOTH.

47. Such handrails shall have a continuously smooth surface:

Provided always that an iron handrail may be attached to its supports by tee-pieces projecting not more than 3/16ths of an inch from the surface of the handrail.

BENDS IN HANDRAILS.

48. Where a handrail changes direction either vertically or horizontally it shall be made in the form of a curve not sharper than a circular curve with an 8 in. radius.

GOOSENECK FINISH.

49. At the landing forming the upper termination of a fire-escape every handrail shall be shaped substantially in the form of a gooseneck.

PART VIII.—DISCRETIONS AND APPEALS.

DISPENSING POWER.

50. If in the opinion of the Superintendent safeguards other than fire-escapes are provided for prevention of danger from fire or for facilitating the escape of persons in case of fire in connection with any building then, according to the extent to which such safeguards are in the opinion of the Superintendent adequate for the purposes aforesaid, the Superintendent may, by notice in writing to the owner, waive compliance with any requirement of this by-law in respect of such building, either wholly or in part or for a limited time, and subject to such conditions as in any particular case he may think fit:

Provided that no such waiver shall restrict the right of the Superintendent at any time thereafter, upon giving notice in writing to the owner of his intention so to do, to exact full compliance with any requirement so waived:

Provided also that the powers hereby conferred shall not be exercised so as to permit any of the following matters:—

- (a) The provision at an access of a door or window arranged so as to open vertically contrary to clause 27 hereof or otherwise than by swinging outwards or sliding laterally (except where permitted under the provisions to the said clause 27).
- (b) The substitution of a fire-escape in the form of a ladder with rungs in any case where this by-law requires a fire-escape to be provided in the form of a stairway.
- (c) The use for the purposes of a fire-escape or any part thereof of rope or any other perishable material.

BOARD MAY ASSUME POWERS OF SUPERINTENDENT.

51. Where by this by-law power is given to the Superintendent to decide any matter, exercise any discretion or power, waive any requirements, or approve anything, the Board may of its own motion, and either before or after the Superintendent has taken action thereon, take such matter into its own consideration, and the opinion or discretion of the Board shall be substituted for that of the Superintendent, and the action of the Board shall be substituted for any action theretofore taken by the Superintendent.

OWNER'S RIGHT OF APPEAL.

52. Where by this by-law power is given to the Superintendent to decide any matter, exercise any discretion or power, waive any requirements, or approve anything, and action has been taken accordingly by the Superintendent, or by the Board in place of the Superintendent, any person

affected thereby may, by notice in writing addressed to the Board or the Secretary and delivered at the office of the Board, apply to the Board to reconsider such action, and the Board shall thereupon take the matter into its consideration, and after the person affected has been afforded a reasonable opportunity of submitting to the Board any relevant matters of fact or opinion and any evidence thereon, the Board shall either confirm, modify, reverse, or otherwise deal with the action previously taken.

PART IX.—OFFENCES AND PENALTIES.

OFFENCES.

53. Every person who does or omits, or causes, or knowingly permits or suffers to be done or omitted, any act, matter, or thing contrary to the provisions hereof, or fails to comply with any requirement hereby imposed on such person, shall be deemed to have committed a breach of this by-law, and if such act or omission or failure occurs on more than one day such person shall be deemed to have committed a separate breach of this by-law on every day on which such act or omission or failure has occurred.

PENALTIES.

54. Every person who commits a breach of this by-law shall be liable for every such breach to a fine not exceeding £20.

The common seal of the Timaru Fire Board was heretofore affixed pursuant to a resolution in that behalf duly passed and in the presence of the undersigned members and Secretary thereof, this 28th day of November, 1930.

WM. C. RAYMOND, Chairman.
JOHN HOLE, Member of the Board.
H. H. FRASER, Secretary.

The foregoing by-law of the Timaru Fire Board is hereby approved this 10th day of December, 1930.

JOHN G. COBBE,

For Minister charged for the time
being with the administration
of the Fire-brigades Act, 1926.

Officiating Ministers for 1931.—Notice No. 2.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 27th January, 1931.

PURSUANT to the provisions of the Marriage Act, 1908, the following names of Officiating Ministers within the meaning of the said Act are published for general information:—

Baptists.

The Reverend Laurence Percival Bryan.

Brethren.

Mr. Herbert Louis Thatcher.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Elder Von R. Atkinson.
Elder Lawrence C. Bodily.
Elder Eru Tengaio.

Christadelphians.

Mr. Thomas Ebenezer Boddington.

Pentecostal Church of New Zealand.

Mr. Edward Robbins Weston.

W. W. COOK, Registrar-General.

Branch of Friendly Society registered.

Friendly Societies Department,
Wellington, 27th January, 1931.

THE Loyal Onslow Branch, No. 14, situated at Khaldallah, is registered as a branch of The Grand United Order of Oddfellows, Friendly Society of New Zealand, Friendly Society, under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, this 27th day of January, 1931.

R. WITHEFORD,
Registrar of Friendly Societies.