

to time, be directed by the Minister of Inland Revenue, who shall furnish such stamps, brands and implements as he may think proper for that purpose.

Times and places of inspection and verification.

40. Each inspector or his assistant shall, upon such day or days, and at such place or places within his district as he may, from time to time, appoint in pursuance of such Departmental regulations as may be made in that behalf,—and of which day or days, place or places, public notice shall be given in the manner to be provided by such regulations,—attend with his inspection standards and other apparatus, for the purpose of inspecting all weights, measures and weighing-machines, and shall then and there inspect and verify, and if found correct, shall stamp and certify all weights and measures, scales and other weighing-machines.

Stamping, &c., when found correct.

Power of inspectors to enter shops, &c.

41. The inspector or his assistant may, at all reasonable times, without notice, enter any shop, store, warehouse, stall, yard or place whatsoever, within his division, where any commodity is bought, sold, exposed or kept for sale, or charged for carriage or conveyance by weight or measure, and there examine all weights, measures, beams, scales, steelyards or other weighing-machines, and compare and try the same with the local standards of weight and measure in his possession; and it shall be his duty to do so from time to time, and without previous notice, so as best to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Act, and the discovery and punishment of any infractions thereof; and it shall be his duty to attend at any reasonable time and place, and when not otherwise engaged in the performance of his duties, for the purpose of inspecting and verifying any fixed and non-portable weighing-machine in his division; and he may also, subject to regulations made by Orders in Council in that behalf, at any time when not so engaged, as aforesaid, inspect, verify, stamp and certify any weights, measures or weighing-machines, at the request of the owner thereof, and at any place in his division.

Without previous notice.

To inspect when called on if not otherwise on duty.

Subject to regulations.

To keep a record of inspections, &c.

42. The Inspector shall keep a book in which he shall enter minutes of all verifications made by him, or his assistant, and at the time of every inspection he or his assistant shall deliver to the owner of any weights or measures, or weighing-machines verified, or to the person procuring the verification, a certificate under his hand, setting forth the fact and date of such verification, and enumerating the weights, measures or weighing-machines inspected.

Re-inspection at certain periods.

43. Within four months after the expiration of two years from the first verification and stamping, and within a period of two years after each subsequent verification, every weight, measure and weighing-machine shall be again inspected and