

By exchange: 148 specimens of New Zealand beetles, insects, including termites, diptera, and hymenoptera, from D. F. Spiller, Plant Diseases Division, Auckland.

A further paper on the New Zealand Collembola, entitled "The Genus *Ceretrimeria* Börner in New Zealand, and A New Genus *Novacerus* to replace the Genus *Neocerus* (Pre-occupied)" was published by Mr. J. T. Salmon in Vol. 71, Part 4, of the *Trans. Royal Soc. of N.Z.*

BOTANICAL DEPARTMENT.

The chief addition to the herbarium during the year was a donation by Mr. W. Martin of ninety-one mounted specimens of Marlborough plants. The types in the Colenso collection have been identified and separated out by Mr. V. D. Zotov. Work has been carried out on the collection of algae, lichens, and exotic plants, making them now available for reference.

Exchange material was forwarded to Melbourne National Herbarium, Pomona College, and Victoria College.

Two large exhibits, one on plant nutrition and one on sugar-production, were completed and placed on view during the year. Table cases were utilized for exhibits of vegetable dyes, economic seaweeds, and ergot.

Most of the Peat collection of kauri-gum was removed from the show-cases and stored in a safer place for the duration of the war.

Routine work included the revision of library reference cards, classification of botanical pamphlets, and fumigation of the collections.

PHOTOGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT.

With the obtaining of a special import license for the Museum's photographic supplies, a return to more normal photographic activity has been possible during the past year. Considerable numbers of prints, enlargements, and lantern-slides have been produced for educational and exhibition work. Of the back negatives, 1,186 have been printed, and the permanent negative collection increased by 312 negatives. The standard-size lantern-slide collection now contains 2,380 slides, an increase of 426 during the year, while the miniature slides now number 1,344.

LIBRARY.

Altogether, sixty-three books were added to the library during the year. Of these, thirteen were received from the Auckland University College and five from Otago University under the library exchange scheme. There were presentations from Messrs. Alan Sutherland and G. Walker and the South Australian Museum. Several volumes were received from exchange institutions. The purchases include some important works, of which the following may be mentioned: South Australian scientific handbooks (nine volumes); "Economic Botany," by A. F. Hill; "Index Londonensis" (two volumes); "Trees of New South Wales," by R. H. Anderson; "Furred Animals of Australia," by E. Troughton; "Text-book of Zoology," by Parker and Howell (two volumes); "Commercial Timbers of U.S.A.," by Brown and Panshin; "The Moths of South Africa," by A. J. T. Janse (two volumes).

EDUCATION SERVICE.

In 1942 important changes were made in the conduct of the education work at the Museum. This year the children are given the opportunity of joining one of the following clubs: Maori, Animal, Insect, Plant, Birds, Sun and Stars, Life in other Lands. The child comes to the Museum for five visits at fortnightly intervals and does work connected with his club on each visit. In addition, he is supplied with a manila folder in which he keeps the leaflets and pictures he is given on each visit. In this way he builds up a booklet about his own club. This reorganization has proved most popular both with children and with teachers. In addition, a large number of exhibits has been prepared for teachers who wish to follow up the club work in their school teaching.

The number of classes coming to the Museum has been increased and an average of four hundred children pass through the Museum daily.

There has been a greatly increased demand from secondary schools for lectures by the Education Officer on an historical survey of life in the past. The series of lectures to primary schools this year has been concerned with the lives of primitive peoples of the present day.

The circulation of cases to country schools has continued, and more exhibits have been added to those available for Wellington schools.

Attendances by schools during 1941 were over thirty-four thousand.

FILM EVENINGS.

The screenings of films held in the evenings during the winter months have continued to be an outstanding success, both in Wellington and in Palmerston North. Six evenings were held in each place. On all occasions the Museum's Lecture Hall has proved too small to accommodate the numbers desiring to attend; while in Palmerston North the Little Theatre proved hopelessly inadequate, and a change was made to the Opera House. On the final evening in Palmerston North the largest audience (amounting to over five hundred persons) so far to attend a Museum screening was obtained. Valuable help given by Mr. H. Greenwood, Palmerston North Municipal Librarian, whose work has contributed in many ways to the success of the Palmerston North screenings, is very much appreciated by the Museum.

PRESS, RADIO, AND TRAMS.

The thanks of the Museum Management Committee are tendered to the press, the National Broadcasting Service, the National Commercial Broadcasting Service, and the City Tramways Department for assisting in directing public attention to the Museum and its activities.