

XI. HISTORICAL BRANCH

HISTORICAL ATLAS

Revision of research has continued on the majority of maps. These now await drafting, and the chief problem facing the Branch at present is to get a draftsman. Since the beginning of 1948 a qualified officer has been working over the large economic section of the Atlas, which had to be neglected for some years, and this section is now being pulled into shape. The acquisition of photostats of early maps and charts has gone on, and a good many gaps in the cartographical history of New Zealand have thus been filled in.

BULLETINS

A second bulletin, on brass-rubbings, is about to go to press.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

G. C. Adkin's *Horowhenua* has been brought to the stage of printing and will be published during 1948. Roger Duff's *Moa-hunters of Wairau* is in type and awaits final revision from the author on his return from overseas.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Branch has continued to act as a clearing-house of historical information, and has given advice on a number of miscellaneous matters ranging from typography to the writing of University theses.

XII. ELECTORAL OFFICE

COMPULSORY REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS

Current registration work for the year produced the following figures :—

	Total for Seventy-six Electorates.	Average per Electorate.
New enrolments	31,602	415
Removals by death, transfer, &c. .. .	45,124	593
Changes of address within electorates .. .	7,291	95

GENERAL ELECTION RETURNS

Detailed returns of the results of the general election and licensing polls which were held on the 27th November, 1946, were prepared and presented, by command, to both Houses of Parliament on the 12th November, 1947, as parliamentary papers H.-33, H.-33A, and H.-33B.

BY-ELECTIONS

The following by-elections were held during the period :—

- Avon by-election on the 28th May, 1947.
- Mount Albert by-election on the 24th September, 1947.
- Westland by-election on the 3rd December, 1947.