

1948
NEW ZEALAND

MAORI PURPOSES FUND BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1948

Presented to Both Houses of the General Assembly Pursuant to Section 14 of the Maori Purposes Fund Act, 1934-35

GENERAL

THE annual meeting of the Board was held on the 20th October, 1947.

On his retirement from the position of Director-General of Health, Dr. M. H. Watt ceased to be a member of the Board, and the Board desires to place on record its appreciation of his services during his sixteen years of office. His place will be taken by Dr. T. R. Ritchie, now Director-General of Health, in terms of section 7 of the Maori Purposes Fund Act, 1934-35.

It is with regret that the Board records the death in Great Britain of Mr. W. Page-Rowe, a former member of the Board of Maori Arts and the author of notable contributions towards the study of Maori art.

OPERATIONS

Education.—In view of the important part which education of the Maori will undoubtedly play in the future of the race, the Board decided this year to increase its annual grant to the Education Department from £750 to £900, or approximately half of the sum received in interest from the Board's capital fund. This grant is administered by the Education Department in providing assistance to deserving Maori students and those who might otherwise be unable to advance their studies at secondary schools or University colleges.

Arts and Crafts.—As part of a programme for recording Maori arts and crafts, the Board has arranged for a set of photographs to be taken of the interior of a number of carved houses containing carving and reed panelling of a high standard. Some of these houses are of considerable age and it is desirable that some record of the art work should be obtained in case of their destruction by fire or other causes. In some other houses the carvings have been executed by experts trained in the School of Maori Arts formerly operated by this Board.

Ethnological Publications.—During the year, the Board accepted for publication a book entitled "The Maori People and Us," by Mr. N. W. Smith, of the Department of Maori Affairs. The book, which is now in the course of being published, is an account of the administration of Maori affairs from the Treaty of Waitangi to the present time.

Sir Peter Buck has now completed his revised and enlarged edition of "The Coming of the Maori," and arrangements are being made for its early publication. This book will probably replace earlier works as the standard text-book for students of Maori ethnology.

Arrangements have been made with the Polynesian Society for the publication of the third part of Sir Apirana Ngata's "Nga Moteatea," a collection of Maori traditional songs which will prove to be an extremely valuable contribution to Maori literature.

The Board's annual grant to the Polynesian Society was increased to £450 this year to assist with the cost of publishing this book.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1948

<i>Receipts</i>		£	<i>Expenditure</i>		£
Cash balance as at 1st April, 1947	..	61,981	Administration expenses	..	224
Grant from Consolidated Fund	..	375	Grants—		£
Interest	..	1,848	*Maori Bible revision	..	1,000
Grants from Maori Land Boards for			Education	..	900
specific purposes	..	200	Polynesian Society	..	450
Proceeds from sale of Napier Maori			Kapohanga Carved House	..	100
Hostel reserve†	..	75			2,450
Miscellaneous receipts (sales, &c.)	..	124	Progress payment for photographs		
			of carved houses	..	30
			Cash balance with Maori Trustee		
			at 31st March, 1948	..	61,899
		<u>£64,603</u>			<u>£64,603</u>

* Comprises £500 received from Maori Trustee, £250 from Civil List (Maori Purposes) Fund, and £250 from Maori Land Boards.

† Pursuant to section 106 of the Maori Purposes Act, 1931.

BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1949

<i>Expenditure</i>		£	£	<i>Income</i>		£
Administration expenses—				Interest from Maori Trustee	..	1,800
Audit fee	..	9		Grant from Consolidated Fund ..	..	375
Maori Trustee's commission ..	..	60		Profit on sale of publications	..	25
Freight	..	2		Sale of carving chisels	..	50
Insurance	..	7				
Printing and stationery	..	5				
Rent	..	60				
Salary	..	35				
Travelling-expenses	..	35				
Sundries	..	7				
			220			
Purchase of carving chisels	..	60				
Education grants	..	750				
Miss Petricevich: Grant to assist in						
studies in Hawaii	..	200				
Photographs of carved houses ..	..	70				
Publishing (including grant to Polynesian						
Society)	..	900				
Balance available for miscellaneous grants		50				
		<u>£2,250</u>				<u>£2,250</u>

Approximate Cost of Paper.—Preparation, not given; printing (578 copies), £4 15s.

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