

The national collections in the Art Gallery and the Museum have been enriched by many purchases, gifts, and bequests. Particular mention might be made of the purchase by the New Zealand Government of the very comprehensive and valuable Oldman Collection of Polynesian and Maori artifacts, which has been placed under the control of the Dominion Museum.

The T. G. Macarthy Trust Board has again made a grant of £200 for purchase of pictures and for educational purposes. The Board records its grateful thanks to the various donors and supporters of the Art Gallery and Museum.

Recitals on the Carillon have been regularly carried out on the automatic playing-apparatus. Mr. Selwyn Baker, who was granted a bursary by the Rehabilitation Board to enable him to qualify for the position of Carillonist, has completed his period of training, and it is pleasing to record that Mr. Baker has qualified, with distinction, at the famous Malignes (Belgium) Carillon School. He has carried out recitals of a high character, and is returning via Canada and the United States at the invitation of leading carillon authorities in these countries.

Proposals for the provision of additional bells for the carillon and erection of memorial halls are still under consideration.

The members of the staff connected with the institutions under control of the Board have carried out their duties in an efficient manner.

The Board records its appreciation of the financial support received from the Government, and continued financial contributions received from the Wellington City Council, Wellington Harbour Board, and other local bodies in the Wellington district; also of assistance received from the New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts, the Royal Society of New Zealand, the Wellington War Memorial Carillon Society, and others; and also extends its thanks to the press for valuable publicity.

The annual Balance-sheet and accounts are appended hereto. In addition to the restoration work carried out by the Government, it has been necessary to incur expenditure on purchase of equipment and on work not covered by the Government contract. The cost has been met from the Repairs, Renewals, and Extensions Fund.

P. FRASER, Chairman.

F. H. BASS, Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DOMINION MUSEUM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1949

MUSEUM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Messrs. W. H. Price (Chairman), W. L. Fitzherbert; Drs. H. H. Allan, P. Marshall, C. G. Morice, E. Beaglehole, L. R. Richardson; Messrs. H. C. McQueen, R. A. McLennan (replacing Dr. W. R. B. Oliver, who resigned).

THE COMMITTEE

The Committee met seven times during the year.

STAFF

Resignations.—Mr. J. G. Brennan, Junior Assistant, on 9th July; Miss P. Wilton, Assistant in Entomology, on 8th October; Mr. R. R. Forster, Assistant Entomologist, on 30th September; Dr. J. T. Salmon, Entomologist, on 31st March. Mr. Forster resigned to accept a position as Zoologist at the Canterbury Museum, and Dr. Salmon, who, during fifteen years of service in the Dominion Museum, built up a strong Department of Entomology, was appointed a lecturer in the Department of Zoology, Victoria University College.