

much of the time-consuming routines associated with the checking of Wellington library catalogues and the preparation and issuing of *Book Resources*. Test photographing and a beginning on the Wellington library catalogues will follow the installation of the equipment. The equipment is to be operated and controlled by the National Centre during the project, and thereafter is to be used by the Centre to assist most effectively in the work of the Book Resources Committee of the Association.

INTER-LIBRARY LOAN

Figures for inter-library loan requests handled by the National Library Service during the year are set out below :—

	1947-48.		1948-49.	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Number of inter-loan cards received	6,159	100·0	5,493	100·0
Supplied from National Library Service	3,293	53·5	3,071	55·9
Supplied from other Wellington libraries	687	11·1	419	7·6
Supplied from Union Catalogue records	352	5·7	439	8·0
Supplied from Check List of serials	79	1·3	91	1·7
Items previously on <i>Book Resources</i>	68	1·1	77	1·4
Items held over for further checking	54	0·9	41	0·7
Items cancelled by requesting library	8	0·1	4	0·1
Rejected as outside scope of inter-loan	101	1·7	100	1·8
Referred back for further information	179	2·9	136	2·5
Listed on <i>Book Resources</i>	1,338	21·7	1,115	20·3
	6,159	100·0	5,493	100·0
Total number of items listed on <i>Book Resources</i> —				
Inter-loan requests listed on <i>Book Resources</i>	1,338	64·3	1,115	48·2
Items referred back and reported missing, later listed on <i>Book Resources</i>	105	5·0	143	6·2
Items requested by National Library Service	639	30·7	1,056	45·6
Total	2,082	100·0	2,314	100·0
Items located through <i>Book Resources</i>	716	34·4	714	30·9

The apparent decline in the total number of requests received and the increase under the heading “Items requested by National Library Service” is due largely to the transfer of requests from Government Departments from inter-library loan to the National Library Service request service direct.

CENTRAL BUREAU FOR LIBRARY BOOK IMPORTS

From 1st April, 1948, to 31st March, 1949, recommendations for special licence were made as follows :—

	£
United Kingdom	5,654
United States	1,324
	<u>£6,978</u>