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NEW ZEALAND

PRINTING AND STATIONERY DEPARTMENT

(ANNUAL REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1949

Presented to Both Houses of the General Assembly by Leave

Printing and Stationery Department,

SIR,—

Wellington, 28th July, 1949.

I have the honour to submit the annual report upon the working of this Department for the year ended 31st March, 1949.

The tables accompanying the report show the nature and extent of the year's working.

Gazette.—The number printed of each issue was 950, the number of subscribers 590, and the amount received from sales and subscriptions £3,088.

Hansard.—The number printed of each issue for session 1948 was 3,800, the number of subscribers 172, and the amount received from sales and subscriptions £197.

Stamp-printing.—Stamps to the value of £4,765,739 and postal notes to the poundage value of £44,184 were printed during the year.

Stereo-plates.—The number of stereo-plates cast during the year was 53,569, of which 5,207 were nickel-plated, the weight being 37,675 lb. The output over the last six years is shown in the accompanying table :—

NUMBER OF STEREO-PLATES CAST

Year.	Ordinary.	Nickel-plated.	Total.	Weight of Metal.
				lb.
1943-44	54,446	1,348	55,794	31,505
1944-45	54,238	891	55,129	34,830
1945-46	53,241	1,377	54,618	37,021
1946-47	48,597	3,163	51,760	32,156
1947-48	40,515	3,462	43,977	31,017
1948-49	48,362	5,207	53,569	37,675

Rubber Stamps.—The number of rubber stamps made was 15,291. The details set out in the table appended show the output of this section over the last six years :—

Year.	Number of Stamps.	Year.	Number of Stamps.
1943-44	13,014	1946-47	24,567
1944-45	13,466	1947-48	12,325
1945-46	21,507	1948-49	15,291