

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE AND OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS.

During the year arrangements were completed for a full exchange of official documents with Great Britain and the United States of America, and a limited exchange with Germany.

An official-documents section, embracing these and similar documents from all parts of the British Empire, has been started in the library, and it is hoped to extend the exchange still further so as to strengthen this department, which should prove invaluable for reference purposes. Additional accommodation is needed to house this section adequately.

Considerable additional work falls on the Library as agent for the International Exchange Service, as shipments arrive frequently from various countries and have to be sorted and despatched by our staff.

RECESS PRIVILEGES.

The number of persons who had the privilege of using the Library during the recess was 1,085, compared with 1,031 during the previous recess. The vocations of the recess privilege holders were as follows: Accountants, 20; advertising managers, 3; agents, 11; architect, 1; artists, 3; auditors, 2; bankers, 3; bank clerks, 16; barristers and solicitors, 28; bookseller, 1; builder, 1; business managers, 17; butcher, 1; caretakers, 2; carpenter, 1; carrier, 1; cashier, 1; caterer, 1; chemists, 3; Civil servants, 166; clergymen, 16; clerks, 142; commercial travellers, 8; company directors, 6; compositors, 2; confectioner, 1; contractors, 2; dentists, 4; domestic duties, 145; draftsmen, 2; drivers, 4; editor, 1; educationalist, 1; electrical mechanics, 7; engineers, 17; engraver 1; forester, 1; grocers, 2; hairdresser, 1; importers, 3; Inspectors of schools, 2; insurance manager, 1; journalists, 11; laboratory attendant, 1; labourers, 2; law clerks, 17; librarians, 4; lecturer, 1; manufacturers, 9; master mariner, 1; mechanicians, 5; medical practitioners, 13; merchants, 18; messengers, 8; meteorologist, 1; monotype operator, 1; musicians, 2; music-teachers, 2; naval officer, 1; no occupation, 43; nurses, 15; plumber, 1; police constables, 2; postal employees, 2; printers, 10; publisher, 1; radio serviceman, 1; railway employees, 2; readers, 2; retired, 68; sailmaker, 1; salesmen, 18; secretaries, 19; school-teachers, 43; social workers, 3; soldier, 1; stenographers, 21; storeman, 1; students, 37; surveyors, 3; telegraphists, 8; typistes, 18; trade-union secretaries, 3; tram-conductors, 3; warehousemen, 9; waterside worker, 1; wireless operator, 1.

ARCHIVES.

Every year interest in the archives increases among both local students of New Zealand history and visitors from overseas, and this section is most valuable to those doing research work. During his visit abroad Dr. Scholefield is paying special attention to the archives of the various countries he visits.

LIBRARY COMMITTEES.

During the financial year the following meetings of the Library Committees were held: Legislative Council, 1; House of Representatives, 1; Joint Library Committee, 1; Selection Sub-Committee, 1.

I would like to express my appreciation of the loyal support accorded me by the members of the staff, and the helpful co-operation of the Library Committee.

The balance-sheet for the year, with the auditor's certificate, is attached.

I have, &c.,

W. S. WAUCHOP,
Acting Chief Librarian.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1935.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Payments.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Annual grant	750	0 0	By Debit balance	1	2 10
Additional annual grant	150	0 0	Purchase of books and periodicals in—		
Private Bill fees	145	0 0	United Kingdom	672	12 11
Refunds for lost books, &c.	9	6 9	New Zealand	147	5 0
			United States (Honolulu)	30	19 6
			Australia	12	5 10
			Insurance	17	10 0
			Railage	1	1 6
			Petty expenses	0	4 7
			Bank charges and cheque-book	1	10 0
			Balance at 31st March, 1935: Bank of		
			New Zealand	169	14 7
	£1,054	6 9		£1,054	6 9

W. S. WAUCHOP, Acting Chief Librarian.

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