

ANNUAL REPORT OF CARILLON COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1937.

During the past year the Carillon Committee has met as required.

Programmes of carillon music continue to be played on war anniversaries as set out in the hand-book and broadcasts over 2YA have taken place on the third Sunday in each month from 3 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. Many difficulties have been overcome, and latest reports of reception at distant receiving-sets show that a measure of success has been obtained.

During the year the Old Contemptibles Association, Navy League, and Army Nurses' Association have placed wreaths on appropriate dates. A visiting party of bowlers from Queensland also placed a wreath.

The following visited the Carillon :—

His Excellency the Governor-General.

Her Excellency Lady Galway.

Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

Right Hon. the Prime Minister.

Hon. D. G. Sullivan.

Hon. H. G. R. Mason.

Hon. W. Parry.

Hon. F. Langstone.

Mr. R. A. Wright, M.P.

Mr. C. H. Chapman, M.P.

Twelve hundred visitors (including Navy and school-children).

Since 1st April, 520 people paid for admission.

A lift has been ordered and will be erected in the near future, and we can expect a much larger number of visitors to ascend the tower.

The carilloneuse, Miss Watkins, resigned during the year owing to ill-health, and consequently the bells have had to be played solely by the automatic machine. The firm of Gillet and Johnson, which supplied the carillon, were unable to supply suitable rolls, but the Carillon Society were able, with the assistance of Miss Watkins, to make very satisfactory rolls, and the repertoire is being constantly added to. There are now thirty-two rolls available. The Carillon Society paid £25 for these rolls. The rolls are punched and put together by the technician, and are more satisfactory than those originally supplied when the automatic player was first installed.

The members of Toc H have given invaluable assistance in obtaining material for effecting repairs and conducting visitors over the tower.

The motor purchased by the trustees has been of great assistance in the work entailed in maintenance. Arrangements are being made to collect war trophies for exhibition in the vacant chambers of the tower.

The Union Steam Ship Co. has generously donated the following bells of ships which had war service and which have been disposed of :—

s.s. " Maheno " (first hospital ship).

s.s. " Marama."

s.s. " Monowai " (Transport No. 2).

It is hoped that the chambers will be finished in order to form a worthy background to the many objects of historical and sentimental value which have been offered.

The Wellington War Memorial Carillon Committee obtained tentative plans and sketch of the proposed Hall of Memories, and the Council of the Returned Soldiers' Association passed a motion (*nem. con.*) that the Government be asked to complete the National War Memorial by finding the funds for the erection of the Hall of Memories, which formed part of the original plan.

ALFRED COWLES, Chairman.

J. G. OSBORNE, Hon. Secretary.

NATIONAL ART GALLERY AND DOMINION MUSEUM BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The year covered by the accounts with which this report deals was an eventful one, in that from 1st August, 1936, the National Art Gallery and Dominion Museum commenced to function as a joint concern under Board management and in entirely new surroundings and under entirely new conditions.

The land, buildings, and ground improvements represent capital of over £234,000, and there is yet at least another £3,000 to be expended on beautifying the grounds and improving the roads. Every penny of this sum has been paid, and it is a matter of gratification to record the prompt way in which the Treasury met responses to requests for payment as the building progressed, and to the general public for payment of subscriptions promised prior to the depression, when money was much