

During April, the Assistant Archivist visited the Villawood Repository of Australian Archives in Sydney and then spent a week in Canberra with the Australian Archives officers, looking at various aspects of the work of the national body.

In early June the Archivist visited Townsville to supervise the sorting of material prior to the movement of the Magistrates' Court into the new Supreme/District/Magistrates' Court complex.

New equipment is at present on order for the Document Restoration Room, including an Ademco Laminating Press (36" x 42"), a pH meter with a flat-end paper sampling electrode, and a Rota Trim machine of 42" capacity.

## **NEW ZEALAND NEWS NOTES**

A Seminar on business archives was held during the course of the annual conference of the N.Z. Library Association. Valuable papers were presented by Associate Professor R. C. J. Stone (History Department, University of Auckland); Mr Robin Griffin (Archivist, Bank of New Zealand) and Mr Stuart Strachan (Archivist, the Hocken Library). The attendance at this session was pleasing and there promises to be considerable interest in future activities of the Archives Committee of the Library Association. At present a report by Mr Strachan on "Local Archives in New Zealand" is being considered by the Committee and other interested people.

A training seminar sponsored by the Alexander Turnbull Library, National Archives and the New Zealand Library Association is to be

held in September. For this venture the Todd Foundation has generously supplied a grant.

After almost five years with National Archives, Owen Davie has left to join the Advisory and Research Branch, Department of Internal Affairs. He will be greatly missed. We all wish him well in his new post. On the credit side three new archivists and an office assistant have joined the staff. With so many new staff members, a training programme has been instituted and we are glad that Mrs Carmen Temata from Raratonga has been able to take advantage of this during a two month stay in Wellington.

Brad Patterson who joined National Archives at the beginning of the year has used his special qualifications as a geographer-historian to take particular responsibility for the map collection and has already made considerable progress.

A significant development has been the approval of a scheme for the regular transfer of Cabinet records. This is due to begin later this year — the first time in this country that such papers have been transferred.

Significant new accessions have been papers of the Commissions of Inquiry into pre-school education (1970-1971) and into the Sale of Liquor (1974); early registered files of the Tokelau Administration; news clippings relating to the peace conference after World War I; reserves and settlement files of the Department of Lands and Survey and further files, parliamentary papers and petitions from the Legislative Department.

Jointly with the Alexander Turnbull Library, National Archives is participating in a War Documentation Centre to undertake the gathering and preservation of documentary material relating to New Zealand's war participation. A preliminary appeal for material has brought an encouraging response. Attention is also being given to the promotion of photographic archives.

Amongst accessions received by the Alexander Turnbull Library in recent times two are worth particular mention — letter books and other records of the Kauri Timber Company, 1914-1951 and records of Samuel Stutchbury, 1825-1855. The last mentioned includes journal and notes of a voyage to the Pacific as naturalist to the Pacific Pearl Fishing Company, 1825-1827; letters from naturalists, 1824-1834 and accounts and copies of reports as Geological Surveyor, New South Wales, 1851-1855.

In Canterbury an interim Committee on archival resources has been set up to foster the development of archives in that area.

Amongst accessions received by the Hocken Library, Dunedin, have been records of Otago's Education Board and these are being arranged with the assistance of a student from the Education Department at the University of Otago. Records of the Dunedin Committee on Vietnam; personal and literary papers, 1922-1971, of R. A. K. Mason; Council records of the University of Otago have also been received.

Mr Peter Miller of the Hocken Library has been accepted for the 1975 course at the University of New South Wales for the Diploma in Archives Administration.