

INTERNATIONAL NOTES

The first 'note' is that the erstwhile editor of this section, Don Brech, has now left Darwin to take up a position with the Government in Hong Kong. On behalf of the Society the Editor would like to thank Don for all his work on the section over the past years, and wish him well in his new position. We hope to see him appearing in these pages as a correspondent.

Don passed on these items before he left:

Sir David Evans

Sir David Evans, who was responsible for the wartime safety of the holdings of the Public Record Office in London, has died at the age of 93. He entered the Public Record Office in 1921 and during the WW2 undertook the removal of some 2,000 tons of archives from London to safety in country locations. He became Deputy Keeper in 1954, (the year Sir Hilary Jenkinson retired) and then Keeper of the Records until his retirement in 1961.

Bank of New Zealand Archives

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The Bank of New Zealand Archives Museum was officially opened on Tuesday 7th February by Bob McCay, the Bank's Group Chief Executive. On display are numerous artefacts relating to the business of the Bank over the last 125 years. Some people were surprised to see office memoranda on display though for an Archivist these are grist to the mill. Also displayed are photographs of buildings and the people who worked in them. Architectural plans are prominent as are the Bank's first computer and, from nearly a hundred years earlier, some of the carved woodwork from a Branch built in 1865. Banknotes issued by the Bank between 1861 and 1934 provide plenty of colour. The exhibition of coins back to ancient Chinese and Roman times links New Zealand banking to the past and coins anyway are a money archive.

On Wednesday evening the new Museum was featured briefly on the 6.30 Television New Zealand News. Considerable publicity has appeared in the hard copy media and this should have a flow on effect for other archive establishments.