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Records of Dalgety New Zealand Limited, 1860-1940

During the past few months Turnbull staff have been transferring records from the head office and branches of Dalgety N.Z. Ltd. to the Library. These records reflect the diverse history of the national stock and station agency. They join the minute books of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co. which were sent to the Library shortly after it was merged with Dalgety and Company. However, the recent transfer of Dalgety's inactive records up to 1940—so far some three hundred linear feet—has added a new perspective for those doing research in the farming sector.

The Library has received records from the head office containing correspondence, financial records and the semi-annual reports submitted by each branch. In addition there are some records of the N.Z. Loan & Mercantile head office. At the branch level there was often an office for each company in a centre and when the merger took place in 1962 only one office was retained. In some cases this was a Dalgety office and Dalgety branch records were retained, in others it was a N.Z. Loan & Mercantile agency. So far the Library has received branch records from Christchurch and Dunedin (Dalgety) and Gore (N.Z. Loan & Mercantile). These contain managers' reports which often supplement those of head office, correspondence with head office and other branches, ledgers and other financial records.

While such records will do much to illuminate the history of Dalgety and Company and the New Zealand Loan & Mercantile Agency Ltd. as stock and station agencies they are also of considerable value for the study of patterns of farming development for particular regions or even for individual stations. Much remains to be written about the relationship between business and agriculture in New Zealand. With the addition of this large quantity of Dalgety New Zealand records—taken in conjunction with the National Mortgage & Agency records at the Hocken Library—it is hoped that significant new research will be undertaken on agricultural and pastoral developments in New Zealand.

Exhibitions

Since the last issue of the *Record* went to press, two exhibitions have been mounted in the Library. Between December and March the introduction to England of printing with movable type was marked