

collection is an original source material in the same category as the manuscript collection.

Map Collection

The growth of the map collection has increased the accommodation problems, with the collection now housed in three buildings. Maps were accessioned during the year totalling 2,111 (1,700 last year), and most of the backlog of uncatalogued material has now been dealt with.

There appears to be an increasing awareness by the public of the map collection, this being particularly evident after an exhibition in September of some of the library's maps showing land transfer and subdivision. The exhibition was to mark the centenary of the introduction of the Torrens or land transfer system of land registration, and a catalogue with descriptive and historical notes was prepared. Over 260 inquiries were received during the year, a 12 percent increase over last year.

An active acquisitions policy has been continued, with approaches to various local bodies, and to estate agents, resulting in worth-while additions to the collection. The Department of Lands and Survey has continued to be of considerable assistance in our efforts to build a comprehensive collection of current material. There has been a rationalisation of map holdings within the National Library, the Turnbull collection being recognised as the one for the National Library as a whole to which other material elsewhere will be transferred as accommodation permits.

In 1971, 172 maps were catalogued for the *New Zealand National Bibliography*, compared with 235 in 1970.

Photograph Collection

There has been a marked increase in the number of people using the Photograph Section this year. A total of 1,086 members of the public visited the section, an increase of more than 50 percent over last year. This, plus letters and telephone calls received, has resulted in a total of 830 orders being placed. Although the increased use of the section is pleasing, it does mean an increasing commitment of staff time.

During the year 13,143 negatives were accessioned, bringing the number catalogued to 107,011. There are also 93,119 catalogued prints, 20,200 loose prints, and 382 albums.

The Duncan Winder collection of over 5,000 negatives was the largest acquisition this year but smaller donations have also been received and an increasing number of photographs have been lent for copying. Perhaps the most interesting additions to the collection have been three albums of photographs taken during the Maori Wars, one kept by Lieutenant Baines and the other two by Ensign Nichol.