

The Library has recently completed a comprehensive card index to *Akaroa and Banks Peninsula* (Akaroa, 1940), compiled by W. E. M. Jacobson. The book is a major local history about the inhabitants of the peninsula. As well as biographical entries, the index contains references to early settlement, places and organisations. The Library is investigating ways of making the index more widely available.

As from November 1988 all cartographic materials acquired by the Turnbull have been catalogued onto the New Zealand Bibliographic Network (NZBN). Records of cartographic materials will therefore once again appear in the National Bibliography. The sixth and final acquisitions list for cartographic materials to be issued since the suspension of section three of the National Bibliography at the end of 1985, was published in December 1988. It records all new publications received, mainly under the provisions of Legal Deposit, by the Cartographic Collection. Copies of this, and previous lists, can be obtained from the Curator, Cartographic Collection.

A generous additional grant from the Lilburn Trust has enabled the Archive of New Zealand Music to purchase an Ultra Imagineering Computer, a printer and INMAGIC software. The latter has excellent search and retrieval facilities, which will be particularly useful for handling manuscript music scores.

Mr Brian Salkeld has donated his fine collection of New Zealand sound recordings, built up over many years and widely used in broadcasts.

In August 1988 Nicola Frean, the Newspaper Librarian, attended the IFLA/LAA Conference in Sydney. She went on to visit several newspaper collections in Australian institutions, gathering useful information on policies and practices in the areas of microfilming, indexing and reference services for newspapers.

Due to financial constraints the Newspaper Collection will no longer automatically receive copies of all newspapers microfilmed by the National Library's Microfilm Production Unit. A list of all microfilm produced will be available instead, and orders for requested films will be available within 48 hours at the Newspaper Research Room.

Sten Aminoff, the Swedish Ambassador to New Zealand in the late 1970s, spent many hours in the Turnbull tracing the histories of Swedes who settled in New Zealand. He worked closely with Turnbull staff in acquiring manuscript and pictorial material on Swedish settlers for the collections. The results of his research have now been published as *Svenskarna i Nya Zeeland* (The Swedes in New Zealand: the Swedish Emigration to New Zealand until 1940) published by Tryckericentralen in Växjö. The introductory text of some 100 pages is in Swedish, but the listings of 3,290 Swedes is in English. Details given include full names, date of birth, parish and country, date of arrival, date of naturalisation, date of death, whether married, the number of children, profession, and additional notes. Mr Aminoff's meticulous research will provide immediate information for family historians, and the basic statistical information on Swedish migration and the Swedish contribution to New Zealand.