

MAORI AGRICULTURE*By Elsdon Best*

NATIONAL MUSEUM BULLETIN No. 9

315 p. 1976. \$13.50

The only comprehensive study of Maori agriculture available, this bulletin adds a further volume to the series of Elsdon Best's works which the Government Printer undertook to reprint preserving the original text and bulletin numbers. I recommend this book and the series as a whole; to collectors, archaeologists, and to those studying the prehistoric economy of the Maori people. (Government Printer.)

THE MAORI AS HE WAS*By Elsdon Best*

295 p. 1974 reprint. \$6.50

Fifty years of public demand since this book was first published resulted in the need for reprints in 1934 and 1952. The text has been reproduced unchanged but the originals of some of the figures could not be traced and these have been replaced with similar illustrations. There have been many advances in our knowledge of Maori life since this book first appeared. The work of numerous ethnologists, and more recently archaeologists, has critically examined many of the earlier concepts, confirming some, disproving others, and altering others to varying degrees. No one has yet produced a synthesis of the results of all this scholarship and there is still nothing as comprehensive as this book of Best's to give a general account of the Maori. This book was first published when Best was 68 and thus represents the accumulated knowledge of a lifetime. It has now become a classic introduction to Maori life. Its continued availability should help the reader to obtain a basic background to old time Maori life which can be extended by further reading.

THE MAORI CANOE*By Elsdon Best*

NATIONAL MUSEUM BULLETIN No. 7

451 p. 1976. \$17.50

A reprinted edition without textural alterations and retaining the old Dominion Museum number. Another example of Elsdon Best's dedicated effort to preserve Maori culture. The material presented on canoes, their materials, types, methods of construction, and associated artifacts make interesting reading for the layman as well as for scholars of the Maori. (Government Printer.)

MAORI RELIGION AND MYTHOLOGY PART 1*By Elsdon Best*

NATIONAL MUSEUM BULLETIN No. 10

424 p. 1976. \$18

An account of the theory of the universe and its creation, study of the origin of man, religious beliefs, rites, magic, and folklore of the Maori people of New Zealand. First published in 1924, reprinted without textural alteration and retaining the original bulletin numbers. (Government Printer.)

MAORI STOREHOUSES AND KINDRED STRUCTURES*By Elsdon Best*

116 p., illustrated. 1974 reprint. \$6.50

As an authority on Maori culture, the author has compiled in this publication a comprehensive record on the use of the different storage structures, etc., used by the Maori in former times. By studying items pertaining to Maori technology it is hoped this will throw light upon many phases of the social life and customs hitherto unknown. This bulletin is No. 5 in the Dominion Museum Series.

M.E.C. REPORT No. 31—THE PUBLIC SECTOR

55 p. October 1976. 45c

This report considers the effects of public sector activity on the allocation of resources and economic stability. Chapter headings are:

- The Role of the Public Sector.
- Revenue.
- Expenditure.
- Stabilisation.
- Future Prospects.

MECHANICS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE*Written and prepared by the N.Z. Technical Correspondence Institute*

563 p. Reprinted 1974. \$6

This book, which is in its sixth edition and now in S. I. Units, contains the operating principles of the motor vehicle. It is favoured as the ideal book for the motor mechanic apprentice to obtain technical knowledge and preparation for the trade certificate examination. To those others interested in motor vehicle maintenance the book is recommended as an invaluable reference.

METRICS FOR JOHN AND JANE CITIZEN*By James McGill Webb*

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SERVICE—DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

48 p. 50c

As the name implies this book is written for use by the layman rather than the technician, the engineer, or the scientist. This book does not include conversion tables but rather relates to metric units and their use, comparisons of size and includes a wide range of metric information. How big is a litre? What is a kilopascal? When will I use a centimetre? What will I buy in kilograms? Why is New Zealand going metric? If these and similar questions are causing you concern this book will provide the answers.

MICROZONING FOR EARTHQUAKES EFFECTS IN WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND*By T. L. Grant-Taylor, R. D. Adams, T. Hatherton, J. D. G. Milne, R. D. Northey, and W. R. Stephenson of the New Zealand Department of Scientific and Industrial Research*

BULLETIN 213

61 p. \$8.50

This report on earthquake microzoning is aimed at dividing extensive areas of Wellington into smaller zones and is intended as a guide only to planning of future redevelopment. The detailed studies of local geology and soil investigations have resulted in an Earthquake Microzone Map of Wellington. This map accompanies this publication. This report is the first one of a series. Later it is the intention to microzone other areas in the same way.

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