

ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE COURTS

442 p. 1978. \$5.80

Under the Chairmanship of the Hon. Justice Beattie, the Commission was set up in October 1976 to inquire into the structure and operation of the judicial system in New Zealand.

The Report is divided into 3 parts—

Part I deals with The Past—A history of the Courts—the evolution of the Judicial system.

Part II—The Present—The Courts today. Covers the present court structure, Judicial appointments, and court administration.

Part III—The future—proposed court structure—sets out in detail the criteria for reform; the functions of the High and District Courts. The judiciary, Court Administration. Relationship between the courts and people and the legal profession are other areas that are discussed at length in this the most comprehensive section of the report.

The conclusion sets out the recommendations of the Commission supported by tables, graphs and a list of appendices.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—A GUIDE BOOK FOR TEACHERS, COACHES AND PLAYERS

SPORTS SERIES No. 4

Department of Education

80 p. 1977. \$1

This revised booklet, one of the series Sports Instruction, has been designed to assist teachers and coaches develop the basic skills of rugby football.

Contains 28 different sections, well illustrated with photographs and diagrams. Teaching points are printed in bold type. Primary school teachers and lower grade coaches will gain most from the individual skills sections, secondary school teachers and senior coaches from the unit and team skills sections.

Covers all the basic principles of the game which enable players to become more efficient.

RURAL LAND ADMINISTRATION IN NEW ZEALAND*Edited by J. Bruce Brown*

128 p. \$2

The subject-matter of this book is an important contribution to the record of land administration in New Zealand. It is recommended to all who have an interest in the problems associated with the management of rural land for in it will be found a practical and informed appraisal of the complexities of rural land administration. Series No. 12. (New Zealand Institute of Public Administration.)

SAMUEL BUTLER AT MESOPOTAMIA*By Peter Bromley Maling*

66 p. twenty-two Illustrations, 2 maps. \$1

A record of all that is known of Butler's home in the Forest Creek Valley and at Mesopotamia where he formed the nucleus of his sheep station.

SCENIC RESERVES OF CANTERBURY*By L. W. McCaskill*

34 p. Illustrated, 1974. \$1.50

The Department of Lands and Survey, under the 1892 Land Act, was charged with the specific task of scenery preservation. In the following 10 years, 265 reserves of various kinds, covering an area of 31,047 hectares, were made under the 1892 Land Act. Today there are 963 scenic reserves, with a total area of 277,480 hectares, plus 55 reserves for the preservation of flora and fauna, with an area of 187,997 hectares throughout the country. The Canterbury reserves cover an area of 15,268 hectares; this book consists of information on the different scenic areas, with photographs of the various reserves within this area.

SCENIC RESERVES OF HAWKE'S BAY

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND SURVEY

24 p. 1978. \$2.95

Scenic Reserves of the Hawke's Bay Land District is another booklet in the series prepared by the Department of Lands and Survey.

The areas suitable for scenic reservation are neither as large nor as numerous as those in most other land districts but they include world famous reserves. Among these are the Cape Kidnappers Bird Sanctuary, which is the world's only known mainland gannetry; Morere Springs, with its attractive groves of nikau palms; and Ball's Clearing, which is renowned for its magnificent podocarps. Well illustrated with location maps and black and white photos.

SCENIC RESERVES OF OTAGO

26 p. 1975. \$1.75

Written by L. W. McCaskill for the Department of Lands and Survey this little booklet provides us with a short description of the scenic reserves of the Otago Land District. Illustrated with full page photographs of some of the beauty spots of the area. (Department of Lands and Survey.)

SHADOW OF THE LAND*By Ian Wards*

422 p. 1968. \$9

The title for this book was provided by Nopera Panakarero, a Kaitiaki chief of much influence, who, in May 1840, believed that only the "shadow of the land" had gone to Queen Victoria whilst the substance remained with the Maoris. Less than a year later he revised this opinion convinced that only the "shadow" would be the Maori portion.

The author examines the British acquisition of New Zealand, the Maoris trust in the Treaty of Waitangi and their confidence that its terms would be honoured and explains it was only by accident that the Maoris were guaranteed the possession of their lands and ancient privileges.

It is under these circumstances that the book considers the use of military force in New Zealand, analyses the arguments surrounding the provision of troops and concludes that, beyond any reasonable doubt there was never an attempt to govern by "moral suasion".

New Zealand followed the normal nineteenth century British pattern of territorial acquisition.

The book is an essential introduction to the Maori wars of a later date.

SHARING SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

N.Z. COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

88 p. 1978. \$2.75

Report of the New Zealand Council of Social Service on desirable roles and directions in social service development.

SOCIAL TRENDS IN NEW ZEALAND

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

193 p. 1977. \$4.50

This volume, the first to be produced, examines nine major social areas, viz. demographic patterns, housing and households, education, health and medical services, social welfare and social security, crime and law enforcement, leisure, labour force participation, and incomes.

While the emphasis is on trends, the descriptive text has been supplemented by tables, charts, and figures which highlight significant features.

The information brought together in this volume will assist policy makers, planners, students and others who have an interest in social trends and development in New Zealand society.

SOILS AND AGRICULTURE OF PART PAPARUA COUNTY

DSIR SOIL BUREAU BULLETIN 34

128 p. 1978. \$12.75

Describes and classifies the soils of part Paparua County, an area of approximately 134 square miles west of Christchurch.

A section on "land use" contains detailed accounts, with maps, of agriculture and horticulture, and notes on forestry by specialists from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the New Zealand Forest Service. Further supporting information, including data on the water resources of the county, is provided in the Appendices.

SURVEY OF PERSONS AGED 65 YEARS AND OVER 1973-74

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

59 p. 1977. \$2.20

This survey represents the first nationwide statistical survey of the actual living costs and circumstances of a representative sample of persons aged 65 years and over in New Zealand. The survey was jointly designed by the Departments of Social Welfare and Statistics. The Social Welfare has sought to design measures for standards of living and to determine the effect of the structure and value of social security benefits on these measures. The Department of Statistics has given a general statistical analysis of the survey results, and has carried out some studies to help identify factors which may influence the expenditure patterns of the elderly.