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NEW ZEALAND.

NATIONAL ART GALLERY AND DOMINION MUSEUM.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1942.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 11 (2) of the National Art Gallery and Dominion Museum Amendment Act, 1936.

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Wellington, 10th August, 1942.

I have the honour, by direction of the Board of Trustees, to submit to you herewith, pursuant to section 11 of the National Art Gallery and Dominion Museum Amendment Act, 1936, their report for the year ended 31st March, 1942, together with a copy of their accounts for the year, certified by the Audit Office.

I have, &c.,
F. H. Bass, Secretary.

The Hon. W. E. Parry,
Minister of Internal Affairs, Wellington.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Chairman : The Prime Minister, the Right Hon. Peter Fraser, P.C., M.P.

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Secretary : F. H. Bass, Esq., F.P.A.N.Z., Chartered Secretary (Eng.).

Treasurer : J. R. Deal, Esq.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1942.

The Board met formally on three occasions during the year, and were called together on several occasions for conference on special matters connected with the building. The Building and Finance Committee held five meetings.

OBITUARY.

The Board sustained two severe losses in the deaths of Sir George Shirtcliffe on 20th July, 1941, and Sir George Troup on 4th October, 1941. Both these gentlemen had taken a keen interest in the activities of the Art Gallery and Museum from the earliest stages, and the following resolutions were passed at meeting of 7th November, 1941 :—

“ That the Trustees of the National Art Gallery and Dominion Museum place on record their sense of the great loss sustained not only by the Board, but by the community generally, by the passing away of their late esteemed colleague and friend, Sir George Shirtcliffe, whose advice and assistance were at all times gladly placed at the Board's disposal, and express their appreciation of the services rendered by him to the Board from the commencement of the Board's activities until the date of his death. Also that the Trustees extend their sincere sympathy to Lady Shirtcliffe and family in their bereavement.”