

A geological bulletin on "The Geology of Te Kuiti Subdivision" and a geological memoir on "An Outline of Late Cretaceous and Tertiary Diastrophism in New Zealand" have been published.

The palæontological work included examining the material collected by the field geologists and others, reporting on collections (including the "Golden Hind" material), Campbell Island, Otahuhu well, and field-work in Oamaru, Wangaloa, and Wanganui. The systematic report on the stages of the Upper Cretaceous and Tertiary strata has been published in the *Journal of Science and Technology*.

During August, 1946, the Chief Palæontologist attended the A.N.Z.A.A.S. meeting at Adelaide, where he was brought in touch with many current problems in geology and palæontology.

The bulletin and reports have been illustrated by many maps and sketches, the work of the draughting staff.

### INFORMATION BUREAU

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*Technical Information.*—Major inquiries, answered either by officers of the Bureau or by reference to the appropriate divisions, have totalled 160 in the last six months. A wide range of more minor requests has been dealt with.

*N.Z. Journal of Science and Technology.*—Considerable arrears of publication have been overtaken and it is expected that the *Journal* will shortly be up to date. A consolidated author and subject index for volumes 1-25 which has been prepared is now in the press. It is hoped from now on to publish such an index at the end of every five volumes. The circulation of the *Journal* has been much increased over the last year, due to the inauguration of many new foreign exchanges and the renewal of old relationships as normal postal services are resumed.

*Bulletins.*—The following bulletins have recently been published, are in hand, or are in the press. Photolithographing of some bulletins is being undertaken by the Lithographic Department of the Government Printing Office to ease pressure in the letterpress sections:—

No. 93: "Investigation of the Clarendon Phosphate Deposits," by R. W. Willett. 5s.

No. 94: "Soils and some Related Aspects of Agriculture in Mid-Hawke's Bay," by I. J. Pohlen. 5s.

No. —: "Soil Erosion in New Zealand—Part I: Southern Half of North Island," by L. I. Grange and H. S. Gibbs.

No. —: "The Epidemiology of Nematode Parasitism in Sheep—Part I," by J. H. Tetley (to be photolithographed).

*Industrial Bulletin.*—Published jointly with the Department of Industries and Commerce, the *Bulletin* is primarily for the use of manufacturers. Abstracts and reports have been supplied throughout the year.

*Library.*—During this year there has been a large increase in books, pamphlets, and periodicals coming into the library. This is a result of renewal of exchanges and an increase of material from the Scientific Liaison Officers, together with the building-up of a reference section. An effort is being made to adopt standard library routines to make this information more readily available. All books are classified by Universal Decimal Classification, pamphlets are filed under subject headings, and card system of loans has been introduced. Training has been given to branch librarians whenever possible.

*Technical Records.*—Five thousand technical reports were received from overseas and index lists circulated to Universities, Government Departments, and to industry through the *Industrial Bulletin*.

*Publicity.*—A considerable number of articles have been prepared for both local and overseas journals and for the press. A departmental publicity booklet is nearing completion.