

The arrival and departure of sporting representatives was marked by Government in the form of official receptions at Parliament House. Under this heading came the Indian Hockey Team; the English Women's Hockey Team; Australian Badminton Team; New Zealand Ladies' Basketball Team; New Zealand Secondary Schools Association Football Team; Sir Julien Cahn's English Cricket Team.

The Department arranged the exhibition of the coronation robes and regalia. During the twelve weeks' tour of New Zealand, eighteen cities and towns were visited, and the exhibits were shown before approximately 400,000 people.

Thanks are due to local authorities, who co-operated wholeheartedly with the Department and generally assisted in carrying out the Government's policy of entertaining distinguished visitors, and also to the various organizations concerned with naval visitors for their willing efforts in making the stay of the officers and men as pleasant as possible.

#### XVI. RAFFLES AND ART-UNIONS.

Six hundred and eighty-six licenses under authority of section 42 of the Gaming Act, 1908, were issued during the year. Of these, 381 were for works of art, 296 for small amounts of alluvial gold, and 9 for alluvial gold to the value of £5,000 each

The following table shows the results of the £5,000 gold art-unions:—

License No. and Name.	Gross Sales.		Commission on Sales.		Expenses.		Prizes.	Net Proceeds.		Lottery Duty.		Net Profit.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
70. Stroke of Luck ..	21,284	17 6	3,192	14 8	2,939	4 10	5,000	10,152	18 0	2,128	9 9	8,024	8 3
71. Golden Gift ..	19,576	12 6	2,936	9 11	2,923	19 8	5,000	8,716	2 11	1,957	13 3	6,758	9 8
72. My Luck's In ..	18,917	5 0	2,837	11 9	2,940	4 4	5,000	8,139	8 11	1,891	14 6	6,247	14 5
73. My Opportunity ..	18,620	0 0	2,793	0 0	2,918	0 0	5,000	7,909	0 0	1,862	0 0	6,047	0 0
74. My Lucky Dream ..	18,804	15 0	2,820	14 3	2,945	15 5	5,000	8,038	5 4	1,880	9 6	6,157	15 10
75. Happy Days ..	17,712	0 0	2,656	16 0	2,915	19 7	5,000	7,139	4 5	1,771	4 0	5,368	0 5
76. It's on the Cards ..	24,206	17 6	3,631	0 8	2,915	9 3	5,000	12,660	7 7	2,420	13 9	10,239	13 10
77. New Year Luck ..	23,039	0 0	3,455	17 0	2,927	15 10	5,000	11,655	7 2	2,303	18 0	9,351	9 2
78. Pleasant Surprise ..	19,947	17 6	2,992	3 8	2,938	16 8	5,000	9,016	17 2	1,994	15 9	7,022	1 5
Totals ..	182,109	5 0	27,316	7 11	26,365	5 7	45,000	83,427	11 6	18,210	18 6	65,216	13 0

Of the net profits, £45,000 was distributed to the various mayoral or other recognized central funds established in the relief of distress, making a total of £325,000 made available for this purpose during recent years, and the balance allocated to charitable and philanthropic organizations, including children's homes and orphanages.

#### XVII. FIRE BRIGADES ACT, 1926.

No new Fire Boards were constituted during the year. The number of Fire Boards operating still remains at fifty-five.

The annual report of the Inspector of Fire Brigades will be published as a separate statement as in previous years, and that report is a comprehensive review of the existing position regarding the control of fire-fighting activities.

#### XVIII. CHARTERED CLUBS.

The number of chartered clubs still stands at forty-six, no fresh charter having been issued since the year 1908. Several applications were received from various institutions whose objects are of a social character, but it was decided that no increase should be made to the existing number of clubs.

Reports furnished by Inspectors of Chartered Clubs throughout New Zealand indicate that all clubs are being conducted in a proper manner and that they are fulfilling all the conditions upon which their charters were granted.

#### XIX. MAORI ANTIQUITIES ACT, 1908.

Ten warrants were granted authorizing the export of genuine Maori antiquities made according to ancient Maori methods.

Five of these permits were granted to museums in New Zealand for the purpose of exchanging Maori ethnological specimens which are of the common type for other material from museums in other parts of the world.

The other five permits were granted to private individuals.

#### XX. PASSPORTS.

With the international situation at present it is essential more than ever before, for all overseas travellers (except for Australia) to possess a valid passport.

During the year 5,010 new passports were granted, as compared with 4,765 last year and with 4,457 for the year ended 31st March, 1937. Renewals for varying periods were granted to 563 passports as compared with 620 last year and 681 for the year ended 31st March, 1937.

Passport *visas* to facilitate landing in other portions of the British Commonwealth were granted to 59 alien passport-holders leaving New Zealand.