



Hocken Collections

Te Uare Taoka o Hākena



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POLITICAL SOURCES



New Zealand Minister of Health Mabel Howard in her office, 28 June 1949 [E.J. and Mabel Howard papers, MS-0980/286].

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Nau Mai Haere Mai ki Te Uare Taoka o Hākena : : Welcome to the Hocken Collections

He mihi nui tēnei ki a koutou
kā uri o kā hau e whā arā,
kā mātāwaka o te motu,
o te ao whānui hoki.
Nau mai, haere mai ki te taumata.

As you Arrive

As you begin your research at the Hocken, please be aware that we seek to preserve all the taoka we hold for future generations. To help ensure that all taoka are properly protected, we ask that you :

- place your bags in the lockers provided
- leave all food and drink including water bottles in the lockers. We have a lunchroom off the foyer which everyone is welcome to use
- switch your cellphone to silent or turn it off

Please bring some ID with you into the Reference area, as well as any materials you need for research. As you arrive in the Reference or Pictorial Collections areas, please sign the Readers Register each day.

Beginning your research

The Hocken holds many items relating to politics in New Zealand. This guide gives examples of the types of material held in the collections. New material is frequently added so it is worthwhile regularly checking our catalogues, which are available online. All Hocken materials are REFERENCE ONLY and must be consulted within the Hocken Library.

Published material - books, pamphlets, newspapers and maps – can be searched for and ordered via the LCoNZ publications catalogue (which lists material from all libraries on the university campus) at <http://otago.lconz.ac.nz/>

Archives and manuscripts can be searched for and ordered via the Hakena archives catalogue at <http://hakena.otago.ac.nz/nreq/Welcome.html> (you must be in the Hocken Collections reference area to place an order from this catalogue).

To search and order material from the **pictorial collections**, please enquire with the collections staff (upstairs).

If you have any enquiries about ordering, or other research questions, please ask the reference desk staff – they will be happy to assist you.

Published materials

Try searching the LCoNZ catalogue for the topics which interest you. Useful subject headings include –

Legislators – New Zealand

Local government – New Zealand

New Zealand. Parliament

New Zealand – Politics and government

Political campaigns – New Zealand

Politicians – New Zealand

and their subheadings. The various political parties are also subject headings, for example,

New Zealand Labour Party

New Zealand National Party

Official publications

We have many recent and historical official New Zealand publications, such as the *New Zealand Parliamentary Debates*, *Statutes of New Zealand*, *Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives* and numerous reports of government bodies. We hold the *New Zealand Gazette* in hard copy and it is also available in a searchable format on our database computers for the period 1841 to 2002. Electoral rolls are available in the reference area (earlier rolls are on microfiche), along with a handy reference atlas to changing New Zealand electoral boundaries. The 1881 electoral roll is available on a searchable CD-ROM.

We also have holdings of the *British Parliamentary Papers* with reports relevant to New Zealand for the period 1837 to 1896. These are in the reference area, along with their indexes.

Our provincial government holdings include the *Votes and Proceedings* and *Gazette* of the Otago Provincial Government, along with publications of some of the governments of other New Zealand provinces (the provincial gazettes are also on the *New Zealand Gazette Archive* computer database).

Stone's Otago and Southland Directory (available in the reference area or on the database computers) contains useful information on local government for the 1880s-1910s period. It includes a municipal directory listing members of various councils and local bodies. *Mackay's Otago Almanac* (order through the LCoNZ publications catalogue) includes similar information for the period 1864–1880. Our publications collection also has the Dunedin City Council's annual Departmental Reports for the period 1905/06 to 1980/81.

Party manifestos

Try searching the LCoNZ publications catalogue under the name of the party, or under the headings

Campaign literature – New Zealand

New Zealand. Parliament – Elections [year]

Election material

We have a collection of “election ephemera” (mostly party pamphlets) from New Zealand parliamentary elections. There are a few items from the 1943 election and larger collections for every general election from 1957 onwards. To order, please enquire at the reference desk. The dates of general elections to 1987 are recorded in the *New Zealand Electoral Atlas*, available in the reference area.

Political pamphlets

We have a large collection of political pamphlets. Some of these came from individual collectors, including local communist Edgar (Ted) Hunter and politician J. T. Paul. All of the pamphlets are individually catalogued. Try searching the LCoNZ catalogue under the author, title or subject which interests you. There is also a collection of political pamphlets in the papers of Erik Olssen – see below under miscellaneous archives.

Political Party Records

The Hocken holds the archives of a number of political parties, generally for branches in the Otago region. Please note that access to many of these is restricted and requires the written permission of the party concerned – see the Hakena archives catalogue for details relating to any restrictions.

Communist Party of New Zealand

We have records of the Otago Branch of the Communist Party, ranging from 1912 to 1965 (MS-0675).

Independent Political Labour League of New Zealand

We have a minute book for the Dunedin Branch of the League, covering the period 1905 to 1909 (MS-0919).

Knights of Labour

We have some records of the Rawhiti Assembly (Christchurch) of the Knights of Labour, covering the period 1890 to 1895 (MS-0747).

New Zealand Democratic Party

The New Zealand Social Credit Political League was renamed the New Zealand Democratic Party in 1985. We have records of the Southern Division, 1973 to 1986 (90-045) and the St Kilda Branch, 1981 to 1987 (90-046).

New Zealand Labour Party

Our holdings for the New Zealand Labour Party, Otago Region (ARC-0153) include the records of various Otago branches, along with records of some Labour Electorate Committees and the Otago Labour Regional Council. The earliest records date from 1919.

New Zealand National Party

We hold records of the New Zealand National Party, Southern Region (formerly the Otago/Southland Division) – (MS-1492, 82-170, 86-062, UN-032A). These include records of the division and of various electorates and branches. We also hold some records for the Hawkes Bay electorate (AG-538) and the Young Nationals (88-052 and 91-091). The earliest National Party records date from the 1930s.

New Zealand Socialist Unity Party

We have some minutes and correspondence for the Otago Branch of the Socialist Unity Party, which wound up in 1990 (MS-0676).

New Zealand Values Party

We have records of the Dunedin Branch of the Values Party, ranging from 1974 to 1981 (93-118).

Politicians' papers

We hold the personal and political papers of many politicians in our archives. The major collections are listed below (in chronological order) – try searching under the names or parties which interest you on the Hakana archives catalogue for others. Please note that access to many of these collections is restricted (especially papers of current or recent MPs) and requires the written permission of the person concerned – see the catalogue for details relating to any restrictions.

Mark Silverstone

Mark Silverstone was a trade unionist and political activist involved in the Political Labour League, Socialist Party and Social Democratic Party. He helped establish the New Zealand Labour Party in Otago. His papers (MS-1016) include correspondence, pamphlets and newspaper clippings ranging from 1899 to 1951.

Arthur McCarthy

Arthur McCarthy was heavily involved in the United Labour Party and Social Democratic Party. His papers (ARC-0446) include political correspondence and pamphlets and range from the early 1900s to 1964.

T. K. Sidey

Thomas Kay Sidey, who started his political career in local government, was Liberal MP for Caversham and South Dunedin from 1901 to 1931. His papers (ARC-0448) include correspondence, personal papers, political papers and clippings.

J. T. Paul

John Thomas Paul was heavily involved in the labour movement in the early twentieth century. He served on the Legislative Council from 1907 to 1919 and 1946 to 1950. His very large collection of papers (ARC-0191) includes numerous items relating to his life in politics, including files from his time as New Zealand's Director of Publicity during World War Two.

William Downie Stewart

William Downie Stewart started his political career with the Dunedin City Coun-

cil prior to World War One. From 1914 to 1936 he was a Dunedin MP, serving as a cabinet minister from 1921 to 1928 and acting Prime Minister in 1926. He started out with the Liberal Party but later affiliated with the Reform Party. The large collection of his papers (ARC-0164) includes, amongst family papers, various items relating to his political career, including correspondence, conference papers, research material and newspaper clippings. Stewart's papers also include some papers of his father, also William Downie Stewart, who was a Member of the House of Representatives from 1878 to 1881 and 1884 to 1890, then serving on the Legislative Council. He was a lawyer who took a particular interest in law reform.

Ted and Mabel Howard

Edwin John (Ted) Howard was a Christchurch Labour MP from 1919 to 1939. His daughter Mabel Howard was also a Christchurch Labour MP, serving from 1943 to 1969. In 1947 she became New Zealand's first woman cabinet minister. The Howard papers (ARC-0441) include correspondence, diaries, election material and photographs.

D. G. McMillan

David Gervan McMillan was Labour MP for Dunedin West from 1935 to 1943; thereafter he played an active part in local politics. He held various cabinet posts and was heavily involved in the development of the national health service. His papers (MS-1269) include correspondence, general political papers, election material and clippings.

Ethel McMillan

Ethel McMillan served for many years on the Dunedin City Council and various boards and community organisations (she was the first woman elected to the DCC). Her husband, politician D. G. McMillan, died in 1951. In 1953 Ethel McMillan became Labour MP for Dunedin North and remained in parliament until 1975. Her papers (MS-1268) include material relating to her career in local and national politics, such as correspondence, electioneering material, speeches and newspaper clippings.

William Fraser

William Fraser was Labour MP for St Kilda from 1957 to 1981 and held numerous cabinet posts. His papers (ARC-0450) include cabinet papers, correspondence and election material.

Brian MacDonell

Brian MacDonell was Labour MP for Dunedin Central from 1963 to 1984. His papers (MS-2541) include election pamphlets, papers on various topics, appointment diaries and photographs.

Rex Austin

Rex Austin was National MP for Awarua from 1975 to 1987. His papers (MS-

2780) include correspondence, subject files, speeches and other political material.

Robin Gray

Robin Gray was first elected to parliament in 1978 as National MP for Clutha, retiring from politics in 1996. He served as speaker of parliament for some years. His large collection of papers (ARC-0456) includes correspondence, subject files, speeches and other political material.

Stan Rodger

Stan Rodger was Labour MP for Dunedin North from 1978 to 1990 and held a number of cabinet posts. We have a large collection of his papers – see the Hakena archives catalogue for details.

Michael Cullen

Michael Cullen was first elected to parliament in 1981 as Labour MP for St Kilda, and has remained in the house ever since. He has held various cabinet portfolios and has been Minister of Finance since 1999. We have a very large collection of his political papers (ARC-0292).

Clive Matthewson

Clive Matthewson was elected in 1984 as Labour MP for Dunedin West. In 1995 he left the Labour Party to join the newly-formed United Party (which he led). He lost his seat at the 1996 election. His papers (MS-2491) include correspondence, subject files, speeches, election material and clippings. There are papers concerning the establishment of the United Party.

Jeff Grant

Jeff Grant was National MP for Awarua from 1987 to 1993. His papers (ARC-0469) include subject files relating to his political career, correspondence, speeches and diaries.

Pete Hodgson

Pete Hodgson has been Labour MP for Dunedin North since 1990 and became part of the cabinet in 1999. We hold some of his papers, ranging from 1986 to 2000 (ARC-0468). They include correspondence, speeches and various political papers.

Local government

The Dunedin City Council has its own archives, but we hold the historic records of many other local bodies in the Otago region. We have archives of the following –

Balclutha Borough Council

Bruce County Council

Clutha County Council
Hampden Borough Council
Lawrence Borough Council
Otago Regional Council
Palmerston Borough Council
Queenstown Borough Council
Waihemo County Council

We also have records of the Otago and Southland Provincial Governments available on microfilm. In addition, we have the records of numerous pest destruction boards, catchment boards, harbour boards and other local authority organisations. Check the Hakena archives catalogue for details.

Unions and employer organisations

We have the records of the local branches of many trade unions, professional associations, employers' associations and other business groups. Try searching the Hakena archives catalogue under subject headings such as trade unions, employers' associations or professional associations; or search for a specific organisation by name. Please note that access to some of these collections is restricted and requires the written permission of the organisation concerned – check the catalogue for details of any restrictions. A few examples of our many holdings include the Woollen Mills Industrial Union of Workers, the Service Workers' Union, the Educational Institute, the Medical Association, the Society of Physiotherapists, the Employers' Association, the Manufacturers' Association and the Chamber of Commerce. We also hold the records of a wide variety of local business firms – try searching by the name of the firm or by the subject search business enterprises.

Environmental issues

Acclimatisation and conservation

We have a large collection of records of the Dunedin branch of the Forest and Bird Protection Society (ARC-0431). We also have many records of the Otago Acclimatisation Society and its successor, the Otago Fish & Game Society. There are some other smaller collections of papers of individuals and groups with interests in the environment. Try searching the Hakena archives catalogue under terms such as conservation, wildlife and ecology.

Fluoridation

We have papers of people for and against water fluoridation, and a transcript of the 1957 Royal Commission of Inquiry on the Fluoridation of Public Water Sup-

plies. Search under the subject heading water – fluoridation on the Hakena archives catalogue.

Save Aramoana Campaign

The Save Aramoana Campaign was formed in 1974 to protest against a proposed aluminium smelter at Aramoana. We have a number of collections of records of the organisation – see the Hakena archives catalogue for further details.

Save Manapouri Campaign

We have a variety of materials relating to the Save Manapouri Campaign, which aimed to prevent the development of power schemes at Lake Manapouri (to provide power for the Tiwai Point aluminium smelter). A broad search under Save Manapouri on the Hakena archives catalogue will reveal a number of relevant collections.

Other political issues

Abortion

We have papers of various people involved in campaigns for and against the legalisation of abortion. See, for example, the papers of Shirley Child (MS-2401) and John and Elizabeth O'Neill (AG-582). We also have the transcript of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion in New Zealand, 1977 (UN-104).

Nuclear disarmament

We have records of the Southland branch of the New Zealand Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (85-095). The records of the Dunedin branch of the international organisation Voice of Women (MS-1023) include material relating to various peace campaigns, including opposition to French nuclear testing in the Pacific.

Pacifism

We have the papers of two well-known conscientious objectors – Archibald Baxter (ARC-0353) from World War One and Ron Malcolm (AG-775) from World War Two.

Race relations

We have many archives relating to early contact between Maori and Europeans, including a large collection of missionary papers. See also the separate pamphlets on Maori Sources and on the New Zealand Wars. We have a few items relating to late twentieth century issues such as the Springbok Tour protest and Bastion Point – check the Hakena archives catalogue for details.

Vietnam War

We have various items relating to opposition to the Vietnam War, including the Dunedin Committee on Vietnam. For these and further related material, check the Hakena archives catalogue under the subject heading Vietnam War, 1961-1975 – Protest movements.

Women's issues

We have material relating to the campaign for women's suffrage – see, for example the papers of Anna Stout (ARC-0021) and the records of various branches of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. We hold the papers of many women's organisations, both conservative and radical. For 1970s feminism and women's liberation, see the records of the Dunedin Collective for Woman (ARC-0279).

Miscellaneous

Erik Olssen papers

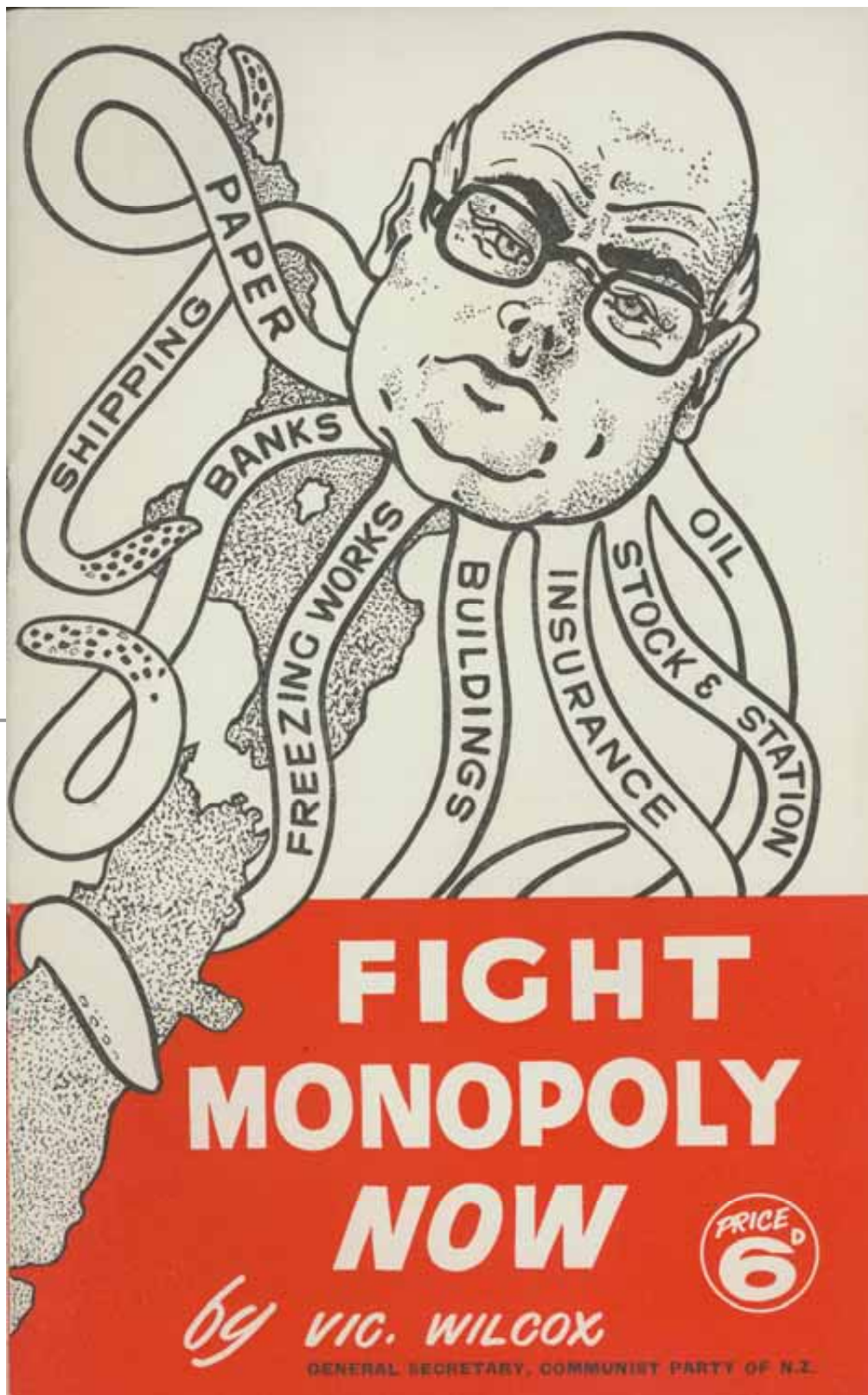
The papers of historian Erik Olssen (ARC-0316) include many items relating to rebel labour politician John A. Lee, of whom Olssen wrote a biography. There is also a series of political pamphlets, many of them relating to New Zealand.

Pictorial collections

The pictorial collections (upstairs) have a large number of photographic portraits, including some of politicians. You can browse through the reader access file of portraits and staff can search the database for other items.

We also have the originals of various political cartoons. Among the most notable are cartoons by James Brown relating to early colonial Otago and a large collection of twentieth-century cartoons by Sid Scales. We also have a number of posters and artworks relating to political issues – please enquire with the pictorial collections staff for further information.

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Communist Party of New Zealand election pamphlet, 1960 [Election Ephemera Collection].

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