

Island produce an inflation in value of this "uneconomic" land. With the removal of stock from south-east Island it should be practicable to establish colonies of *Coxella*, *Myosotidium*, and *Olearia semidentata* as well as many of the other local endemics.

In conclusion one must stress the point that despite over a century of tragic depredation there is still much left to save of our Chatham Island wildlife heritage. There is still time to act effectively. Let us not repeat the mistakes of Mangere Island.

## Recent Publications

A list of books and bulletins that have come to the notice of the editor, concerning the plants and vegetation of New Zealand. Mention of a publication does not necessarily imply a recommendation.

*Pioneer Plant Geography: The Phytogeographical Researches of Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker*, by W. B. Turrill. Vol. 4 of Lotsya—A Biological Miscellany. Hague: Martinus Nijhof.

*A Handbook of the New Zealand Mosses*, by G. O. K. Sainsbury; with illustrations by Nancy M. Adams. Bulletin No. 5, Royal Society of New Zealand, Victoria University College, Wellington. 25/-.

*A Book of Ferns*, by Greta Stevenson. 10/-.

*The High-Altitude Snow-Tussock Grassland in South Island, New Zealand*, by The Tussock Grassland Research Committee. Reprinted from the New Zealand Journal of Science and Technology, Section A, Volume 36 (4).

*Forests and Climates in the South Island of New Zealand*, by John T. Holloway. Technical Paper No. 3, Forest Research Institute, New Zealand Forest Service, Wellington.

*The Mountains of New Zealand*, by Rodney Hewitt and Mavis Davidson. A. H. and A. W. Reed, Wellington. 18/6.

*New Zealand Birds and Flowers; A selection of Colour Plates*. Revised Edition. A. H. and A. W. Reed, Wellington. 6/-.

*Forest Fungi*, by Margaret E. Lancaster. Government Printer, Wellington. 9/6.