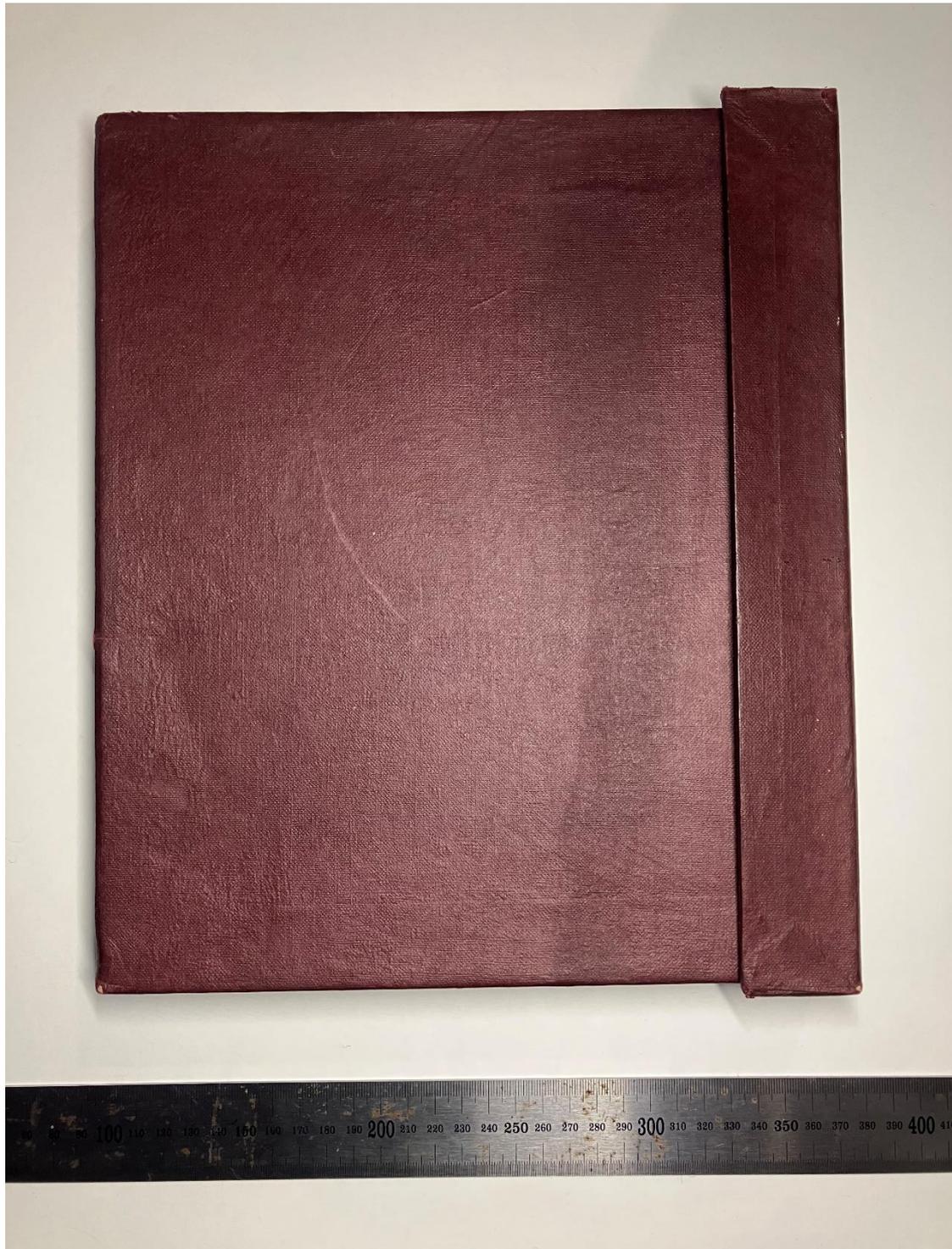


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Item Name: Book, "Nelson Provincial Museum Trust Board"

Item Description: Black bound book in red envelope cover. Book contains information about the potential for Isel House as a museum, and presents a case for funding from the Government. Includes letters to and from the Prime Minister. 1965.



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Constitution, Objects, Requirements, Programme and  
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OBJECTS OF TRUST BOARD

The objects of the Board are "to collect, house, preserve and display historical material, objects, records, and archives with particular emphasis on those pertaining to the said Provincial District"

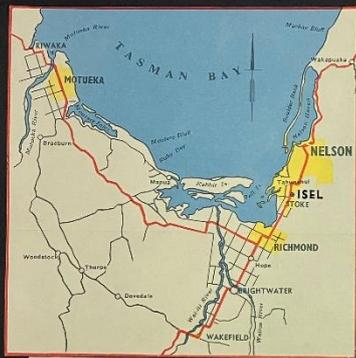
HISTORY

The need for an organization such as the Board was realized by a number of Nelsonians many years ago and the Nelson Historical Society was founded in 1934 for such an object. It was soon realized that the quantity and quality of the material available called for an organization more substantial than a society and the Trust Board was formed.

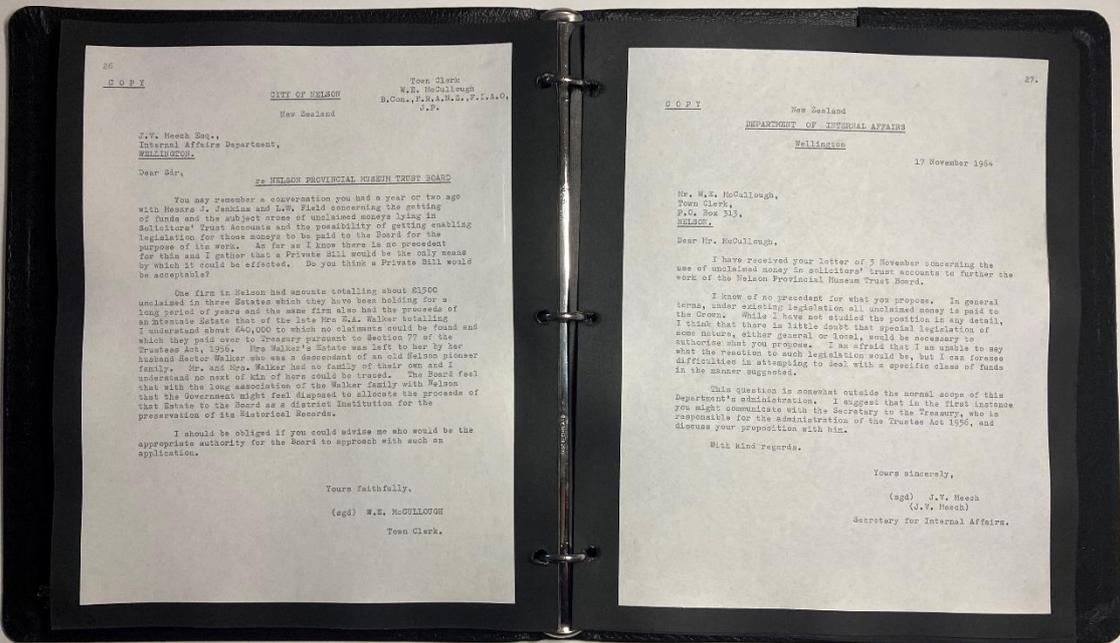
The fortunate position that this Province enjoyed in regard to the preservation of its archives was repeatedly drawn to the attention of the Nelson public by authorities such as the late Mrs. Ruth Allan, Mr. C.W.M. Taylor and others. Under the terms of the will of the late Dr. F.H. Bell his unique collection of Provincial records was to come to Nelson provided there was suitable accommodation for them and this stimulated still wider interest in the formation of a Trust Board. The valuable collection of Dominion silver was left on terms similar to those of the Bell collection, and in addition the Historical Society had acquired material such as the Tyree photographs, Harston china, some horse drawn vehicles and records from many estates including that of Messrs J. & G. Walker, and the Society was finding it beyond its ability to do justice to all this material.

Negotiations were also underway for the Nelson City Council to take over the Nelson Institute, which was founded in 1841, and so the future of the Institute Museum was also problematical. On 31st March 1965 the Nelson City Council took over the Institute Library and the Nelson Provincial Museum Trust Board took over the Institute Museum.

The need is now for a museum building to house this material. Mr. J.R. Eyles was appointed Museum Director and took up his duties in January 1965.



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CITY OF NELSON  
New Zealand

J.V. Neesh Esq.,  
Internal Affairs Department,  
WELLINGTON.

Dear Sir,

Re NELSON PROVINCIAL MUSEUM TRUST BOARD

You may remember a conversation you had a year or two ago with Messrs T. Jenkins and Lew Field concerning the retching of funds and the subject areas of unclaimed moneys lying in Solicitors' Trust Accounts and the possibility of getting enabling legislation for these moneys to be paid to the Board for the purpose of its work. As far as I know there is no precedent for this and I gather that a Private Bill would be the only means by which it could be effected. Do you think a Private Bill would be acceptable?

One firm in Nelson had accounts totalling about £1500 unclaimed in three Estates which they have been holding for a long period of years and the same firm also had the proceeds of an Executive Estate that of the late Mrs. Kate Walker totalling I understand about £60,000 to which no claimants could be found and which they paid over to Treasury pursuant to Section 77 of the Trustee Act, 1956. Mrs. Walker's Estate was left to her by her husband Hector Walker who was a descendant of an old Nelson pioneer family. Mr. and Mrs. Walker had no family of their own and I understand no next of kin of hers could be traced. The Board feel that with the long association of the Walker family with Nelson that the Government might feel disposed to allocate the proceeds of that Estate to the Board as a district institution for the preservation of its Historical Records.

I should be obliged if you could advise me who would be the appropriate authority for the Board to approach with such an application.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd) W.E. McCULLOUGH  
Town Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS  
Wellington

17 November 1964

Mr. W.E. McCullough,  
Town Clerk,  
P.O. Box 313,  
NELSON.

Dear Mr. McCullough,

I have received your letter of 7 November concerning the use of unclaimed money in solicitors' trust accounts to further the work of the Nelson Provincial Museum Trust Board.

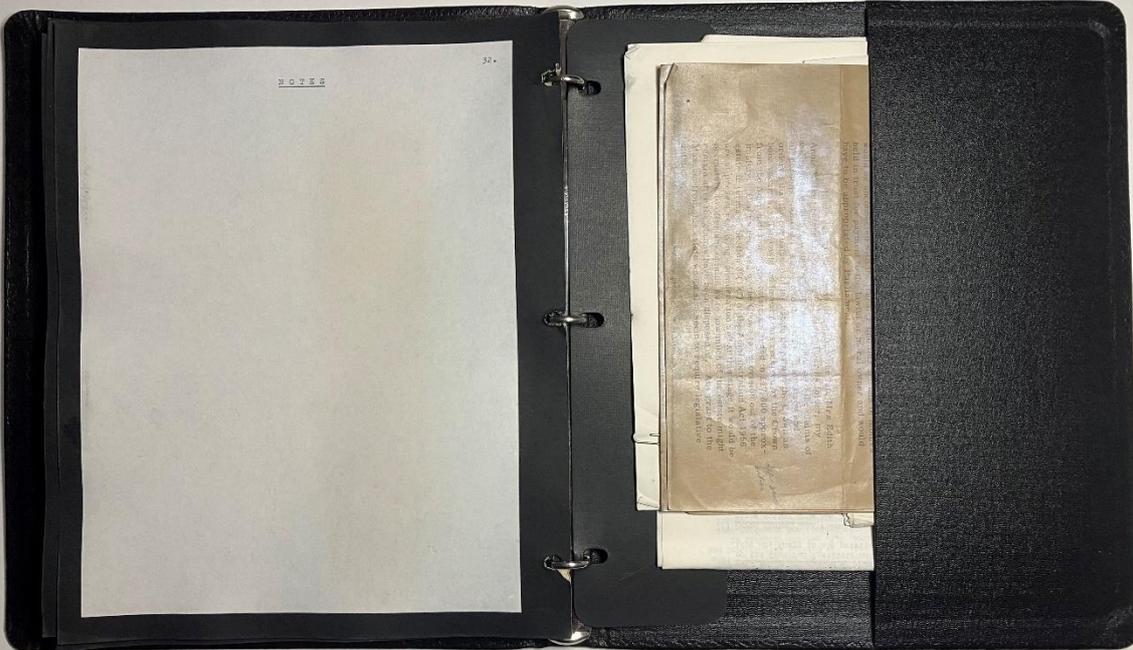
I know of no precedent for what you propose. In general terms, under existing legislation all unclaimed money is paid to the Crown. While I have not studied the position in any detail, I think that there is little doubt that special legislation of some nature, either general or local, would be necessary to authorize what you propose. I am afraid that I am unable to say what the reaction to such legislation would be, but I can foresee difficulties in attempting to deal with a specific class of funds in the manner suggested.

This question is somewhat outside the normal scope of this Department's administration. I suggest that in the first instance you might communicate with the Secretary to the Trustee Act 1956, and discuss your proposition with him.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) J.V. Neesh  
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Secretary for Internal Affairs.



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