

The appointment of an Accountant, sanctioned by you, has also made the office work of a business-like character. All accounts are scheduled by this officer, and at a moment's notice the money expended or owing on any work can be ascertained, as well as the condition of every vote connected with Public Domains and Buildings.

The professional office work has been done by one permanent draftsman and a cadet, with temporary assistance when required; but if the work continues to increase in the same ratio, a second draftsman will be necessary.

In the last report, I pointed out that if the work done by me had been placed in the hands of private Architects, the cost during the first year would have amounted to £1,686 11s., the second year to £2,249 3s. 6d., the third year to £1,267 1s., the fourth year to £4,574 11s. 6d., and this year to £5,012.

In consequence of the increased work in connection with the Domains in Wellington, another man is required on the staff, which will then consist of two labourers and three gardeners, including the overseer or head gardener, but exclusive of Government House, Lowry Bay, and Auckland Domains.

I am fully confident of the advantage that will be derived from the employment of a jobbing carpenter permanently, which commenced under your authority from the 1st instant, upon the representations submitted by me. There is constant work for one if not two men. A workshop has been erected in a central position, and little time is lost in coming or going to any job requiring to be done.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister for Public Works.

W. H. CLAYTON.

### Enclosure.

#### SCHEDULE A.

BUILDINGS and other WORKS FINISHED since 1st July, 1873.

| Description of Work.                                                                               | Cost.        | Payments during past Year. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                                                                                                    | £ s. d.      | £ s. d.                    |
| Quarantine Barracks, Port Chalmers ...                                                             | 3,873 7 7    | 649 18 6                   |
| Immigration Barracks, Caversham ...                                                                | 1,104 14 9   | 1,104 14 9                 |
| Quarantine Barracks, Somes' Island ...                                                             | 1,961 7 2    | 1,961 7 2                  |
| Enlarging House of Representatives ...                                                             | 5,218 1 11   | 2,158 4 0                  |
| New Legislative Council Chamber ...                                                                | 6,320 1 3    | 1,936 16 5                 |
| Additions, &c., to Government House...                                                             | 2,805 5 8    | 2,482 3 8                  |
| Reclamation of a portion of Wellington Harbour, as a site for New Government Offices ...           | 3,771 16 0   | 3,771 16 0                 |
| Purchase of and additions to Ministerial Residence, Molesworth Street ...                          | 2,488 15 0   | 2,488 15 0                 |
| Additions to Ministerial Residence, Tinakori Road ...                                              | 2,885 15 7   | 2,255 15 7                 |
| Concrete Tank, Tinakori Road ...                                                                   | 502 18 6     | 502 18 6                   |
| Tokomairiro Post and Telegraph Office ...                                                          | 1,002 18 9   | 1,002 18 9                 |
| Malvern " " ...                                                                                    | 262 12 6     | 262 12 6                   |
| Clinton " " ...                                                                                    | 223 12 2     | 223 12 2                   |
| Rangiora Post and Telegraph Office ...                                                             | 210 1 6      | 210 1 6                    |
| Te Awamutu " " ...                                                                                 | 304 3 10     | 304 3 10                   |
| Rakaia " " ...                                                                                     | 526 5 8      | 504 5 8                    |
| Hamilton " " ...                                                                                   | 580 2 3      | 555 13 3                   |
| Mosgiel " " ...                                                                                    | 399 5 8      | 380 2 8                    |
| Additions to Wellington Telegraph Office ...                                                       | 358 13 6     | 358 13 6                   |
| Additions to Museum ...                                                                            | 471 0 7      | 471 0 7                    |
| Repairs to Cottage, Lowry Bay ...                                                                  | 58 10 0      | 58 10 0                    |
| Digging and grubbing 4 7-10 acres of Lowry Bay Domain, erecting Laundry, fencing Pigstyes, &c. ... | 860 6 9      | 529 7 9                    |
| Wanganui Custom House ...                                                                          | 743 5 0      | 719 16 0                   |
| Marton Court ...                                                                                   | 539 4 0      | 539 4 0                    |
| Native Hostelry repairs ...                                                                        | 223 15 0     | 223 15 0                   |
| Court House, Palmerston ...                                                                        | 220 7 6      | 220 7 6                    |
| Additions to Public Works Offices ...                                                              | 604 5 0      | 572 6 0                    |
| Barrel Drain, Sydney Street ...                                                                    | 325 17 0     | 309 16 0                   |
| Alterations, &c., to the old Legislative Council Chamber ...                                       | 349 5 0      | 6 5 0                      |
| Additions to Printing Office ...                                                                   | 1,000 0 0    | ...                        |
| Opotiki Court House ...                                                                            | 250 0 0      | ...                        |
| Miscellaneous Works, &c. ...                                                                       | 10,965 2 5   | 10,965 2 5                 |
|                                                                                                    | £51,410 17 6 | £37,730 3 8                |