

ARCHITECT'S BRANCH.

The annual report of the Architect on all works executed or in progress during the year is attached to this report.

The Hon. the Minister for Public Works.

I have, &c.,
JOHN BLACKETT,
Engineer in Charge North Island.

Enclosure in Appendix D.

ANNUAL REPORT ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND WORKS, NORTH ISLAND,

FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1881.

The ARCHITECT to the ENGINEER in CHARGE, North Island.

SIR,—

Public Works Office, Architect's Branch, 5th July, 1881.

I have the honor to report upon the various buildings designed, added to, or altered, together with contracts let, in progress, or completed, from 1st April, 1880, to 31st March, 1881, in connection with the Architect's Branch of the Public Works Service.

During the year designs have been prepared for the following new buildings—namely, Resident Magistrate's Court, Warkworth, as an addition to police station; post office and telegraph stations at Kamo and Otaki; lock-ups at Newton (Auckland), Otaki, and Mercury Bay; and a police station at Tinui. Drawings have also been made for alterations and additions to post offices and telegraph stations at Hokianga, Grahamstown, Gisborne, New Plymouth, and Cambridge; and for additions to the railway stations at Feilding, Palmerston North, and Carterton, for the accommodation of the postal and telegraphic departments; alterations to the Government Printing Office, Wellington; and for two storage reservoirs—one for Her Majesty's Gaol and the other for the Mount View Lunatic Asylum, Wellington.

Contracts for the following works have been completed: New Supreme Court and offices, Wellington; police stations at Wellington, Warkworth, Tauranga, Katikati, Hamilton, Tolaga Bay, Opotiki, Maketu, Whakatane, Ohinemutu, Waitara, Waitotara, Inglewood, Normanby, Manutahi, and Carlyle; lock-ups at Newton (Auckland), Awanui, and Otaki; post offices and telegraph stations at Dargaville, Te Kopuru, Otaki, and Kamo.

Alterations and additions or repairs have been completed to the following buildings: Post offices and telegraph stations at Wanganui, Lower Hutt, Cambridge, Grahamstown, and Auckland; as also to the railway stations at Feilding and Palmerston North. The old Wesleyan Chapel, High Street, Auckland, and the Gymnasium at Cambridge, have been converted into Resident Magistrates' Courts and offices; and alterations and additions have been completed to the gaols at Wellington and Gisborne. Extensive alterations and additions have been completed to the lunatic asylums at Auckland and Wellington.

Works in Progress.—Alterations to Courthouse at Palmerston North; new police station at Tinui; additions to railway station at Carterton, for post and telegraph station; and a new laundry at the Whau Lunatic Asylum, Auckland.

Miscellaneous Works completed.—Repairs to immigration barracks, Wellington; alteration to Government Printing Office; the construction of storage-reservoirs at Mount View Lunatic Asylum and Her Majesty's Gaol, Wellington: besides various other works of a minor character, such as small alterations to post offices at Taranaki, Gisborne, Foxton, and Coromandel; repairs to Customhouse at Napier, Government House at Auckland, &c.

The total expenditure in the Architect's Branch during the year has been,—

	£	s.	d.
Judicial	37,975	4	2
Postal and Telegraphic	3,640	10	7
Lunatic Asylums	13,926	11	8
Miscellaneous	872	19	4
Sundry repairs, alterations, fittings, furniture, &c.	18,665	4	11
	<u>£75,080</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>

I have, &c.,
P. F. M. BURROWS,
Architect.

The Engineer in Charge, North Island, Wellington.