

the west wing to a height of 12ft., and the remainder to an average height of 7ft.; the total quantity of brickwork put in place during the year being 2,520 cubic yards, of timber 5,000 superficial feet, and of wrought-iron work 13,800lb.

Masterton Lockup Contract, including erection of three cells and alterations to police-station, was completed in May.

Carterton Police-station Contract, consisting of the erection of two rooms at police-station, and sundry repairs and alterations, was duly completed.

Tinui Police-station.—Sundry repairs and other work was done during the year.

Johnsonville Lockup.—A two-cell lockup was erected at this place during May and June.

Paikakariki Lockup, consisting of two cells, is now being erected under contract.

Quarantine-station, Somes's Island.—A general repair and overhaul of all the buildings is now in hand, and is about three-quarters done.

Hospital and Lunatic Asylum.—Several repairs and improvements have been effected at these institutions, and have given satisfaction.

Government Printing Office.—Plans for a new building were prepared, both in wood and brick, and tenders were called for each design. The amount of the tenders so largely exceeded the money voted that no tender was accepted. Piles for the foundations and timber for the flooring were provided, in anticipation of the tenders for a wooden building being accepted; these have been stacked, and will be suitable for any building that may be erected. The ventilation of the old building having been much complained of, means were taken to improve it, and with success; the work was completed in September.

Industrial Exhibition Building Contract.—The plans for this were prepared by the Public Works Department, and a contract was let on the 18th March, 1885: to this was added extras to a large amount; but the whole was satisfactorily completed on the 20th August, 1885. The Public Works Department contributed exhibits to the Exhibition, as detailed in the following list, viz., (1) Timber, polished and unpolished, 411 pieces; (2) photographs, &c., 101 frames; (3) specimens of New Zealand stone, 16 pieces; (4) models of bridges, &c., 7 pieces. On the closing of the Exhibition the following specimens, &c., were selected and forwarded to London, to be placed in the Indian and Colonial Exhibition, viz., timber, 191 pieces; photographs, 47 frames; stone, 5 cases; besides other specimens forwarded from the other districts.

TARANAKI, MANAWATU, AND HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICTS.

New Plymouth.—A three-cell lockup has been erected here, and drainage pipes laid to the gaol.

Hawera.—Additions and alterations to post and telegraph station.

Wanganui.—Repairs and addition of two rooms to post and telegraph office; also repairs to Courthouse.

Marion.—Repairs and painting to post and telegraph station.

Sanson.—Repairs and painting to post and telegraph station.

Pungarehu.—Conversion of blockhouse into police-station, and addition of two-cell lockup.

Mania.—Removal of buildings from redoubt for purposes of Courthouse, and for additions to police-station.

Normanby.—Repairs to police-station.

Patea and Palmerston North.—Repairs to Courthouses.

Ormond, Cook County.—A contract for dwelling for police has been accepted.

Woodville.—Courthouse—contract completed; post and telegraph office—contract nearly completed.

Danevirke, Waipawa, and Waipukurau.—Two-cell lockup at each, and cottage for police at the latter; all completed.

Napier.—Sundry repairs at Courthouse.

NELSON AND MARLBOROUGH.

Cable Bay Telegraph Station.—Repairs and painting completed.

Lunatic Asylum.—Addition of rooms to two wings, also a laundry, in progress.

Hospital and Lunatic Asylum.—A joint water-supply (gravitation) is now being laid down, also a telephone connection to each. A complete drainage scheme for these buildings is being arranged for, and several minor works have already been done in the way of repairs, fencing, ventilation, &c.

The other public buildings in Nelson and Marlborough have been attended to in the way of repairs and maintenance.

WESTLAND.

Greymouth.—A contract has been let for a new prison, and the work is proceeding satisfactorily; and tenders have been called for additions to the police-station. A new post and telegraph office has been erected.

Brunnerton and Boatman's.—New lockups have been erected.

Denniston.—A police-station is being built here.

Minor repairs have been effected on all the other public buildings.

CANTERBURY.

Lyttelton.—Channelling and asphaltting at police-station completed.

Christchurch.—Additions to post and telegraph office completed. Sundry works at Supreme Court and drainage and sanitary works at hospital completed.

Akaroa.—Additions to police-station and to post and telegraph office all completed.

Ashburton.—New cells to lockup completed.