

Buildings.—A lineman's station is being erected at Longford. At Lyell the Post-office has been repaired and painted. Extensive additions were made to the Courthouse at Westport, and the Post-office repaired. The Reefton Courthouse has been repaired and painted. At Greymouth the Post-office was added to and painted, the Courthouse fenced, and a new Customhouse is in progress. New ceilings have been put in the Post-office at Hokitika, and the maintenance and repairs to the buildings throughout the district attended to.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Hindon Road.—This road, connecting the Otago Central Railway with Hindon, was fenced where it approaches the railway-station, and the $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles formed by this department has been metalled.

Lake Wakatipu to Milford Sound.—A reconnaissance survey was made to ascertain whether a road was feasible between Lake Wakatipu and Milford Sound. From the survey it appears that a horse-road could be formed at a moderate cost.

ENCLOSURES.

This report is accompanied by the following enclosures:—

1. Statement showing lengths of railway authorised, constructed, and surveyed.
2. Diagrams showing mileage of railways open each year.
3. Maps of the North and Middle Islands, showing railways opened and in progress.

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