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An exhibit of timber, &c., was made at the Auckland Industrial and Mining Exhibition.

Departmental Buildings, Auckland.—The usual repairs were done. Considerable trouble has been experienced with the warping of window-sashes to such an extent as to break the glass. It has been found necessary to remove some of the worst sashes.

Departmental Buildings, Thames.—Repairs have been done to the main building. A strongroom has been built for the Courthouse, and the Post-office outbuildings have been rebuilt or

repaired.

Departmental Buildings, Tauranga.—A chimney struck by lightning has been repaired, and a new tank fixed.

New Gaol, Mount Eden .- The front walls of the central block are now up to the level of the ground floor, and the back walls nearly.

Prison Gaol, Shortland.—Repairs and painting to residence have been done.

Auckland University College.—Plans for a large addition have been prepared and a contract let. Good progress is being made with the work. The contract sum is £1,116 11s.

Avondale Asylum.—The airing-courts were tarred. Plans for twenty additional single rooms were prepared, and a contract for their construction has been let.

Supreme Court, Auckland.—Repairs, &c., have been done during the year.

District Court, Auckland.—The strong-room additions were finished, and plans and estimates for some additions to the building prepared.

Coromandel Courthouse.—A new strong-room has been built.

Paeroa Courthouse. -Two additional rooms have been built, and some alterations were made to give additional accommodation. Gas has been laid on the building. Plans and estimate of further alterations have been prepared.

Hamilton Courthouse.—Some gravelling to the paths has been done, and some necessary

repairs.

Mercer Courthouse.—Some repairs and gravelling have been done.

Te Aroha Courthouse.—Venetian and other blinds have been put up.

Dargaville Courthouse.—A new iron roof has been put on, the outside painted, and repairs done.

Police-station, Auckland (Chancery Lane).—Various repairs to gas and water mains have been

Police-station and Barracks, O'Rorke Street.—The old stone barracks have been pulled down, and a contract let for a new building. Work was started at the end of December last, and good progress has been made, the contract being nearly half finished.

Police-station, Coromandel.—The maintenance period for the new building expired in July last.

An extra room for an office has been built, and some fencing done.

Police-station, Thames.—Plans for a residence were prepared last year; a contract has been let, and the work is about half done.

Police-station, Karangahake.—A lock-up started last year has been finished.

Police-station, Te Aroha.—Two additional rooms have been built; some painting and repairs done, also some fencing.

Te Kuiti Police-station.—A new building has been erected, and the lock-up has been removed to the back of the new building.

Cambridge Police-station.—Plans have been prepared for a new building, and a tender has been accepted for its erection.

Mercer Police-station.—Additional rooms and a store-house have been built, and some fencing

and repairs done.

Ngaruawahia Police-station.—A report and estimate of the cost of building two additional

rooms have been furnished.

Post-office, Auckland—Several rooms have been combined into one large room, forming a room for the telephone multiple-switch room. The inside of the telegraph office has been renovated, a new stairway has been built, and the old telephone room has been made into a mechanicians' All ordinary repairs have been attended to.

Post-office, Mongonui.—A contract to build three additional rooms has been finished, a fence

has been erected, and some repairs done.

Post-office, Otahuhu.—A new brick building has been finished.

Whangarei Post-office. -- A contract to build a new room for a money-order office has been completed.

Waitekauri Post-office.—Two additional living-rooms have been built, and some fencing done. Newton Post-office. -- Some repairs and some painting and paperhanging have been done.

Warkworth Post-office.—Some painting and paperhanging were done, and a new stove fixed. Te Aroha Post-office.—Some repairs have been done; the building of an additional room and painting are now being done.

Raglan Post-office.—Repairs to this building have been done.

Parnell Post-office.—Two suggested sites for the proposed building were reported on.

Coromandel Post-office Residence.—Some repairs and fencing are to be gone on with at once.
Industrial Home, Parnell.—The persistent endeavours made to remedy the bad drainage around the building have so far not been successful, but there seems some hope of a general drainage **sc**heme being undertaken.

Ponsonby Hall.—This building has been let at various times during last winter.

Admiralty House.—The lease to Mr. Taylor is still in force.

Wairangi Bark-shed.—A lean-to to shelter a portable engine for bark-crushing has been built. Whirinaki Native School.—The contract for building the school and residence has been completed during the year.

Utakura.—Ā contract for building a school was completed in November last, and a contract

to build a residence was completed in March.