

New 6-in. water-mains have been laid from the reservoir, Ministerial residence, Tinakori Road West, to supply water for garden purposes at the Parliament Buildings grounds, Government House grounds, and the engine-room, Printing Office.

The telephone exchange has been provided with hot-water heating pipes.

The drainage of Mount View Asylum has been reconstructed to be in accordance with the new sanitary regulations of the city, and additional fire-escape staircases have been constructed in the female wing.

Porirua Asylum.—A new wing has been added to the female division, capable of accommodating seventy-eight patients; and works are now in progress to give accommodation for fifty-seven patients, in single rooms, for acute cases; also, a block containing a dining-room, sewing-room, and sleeping-accommodation for twenty female patients is in progress. An isolated morgue and dissecting-room has been built.

Central Police-station.—Additional cells have been erected, and a new kitchen-room built for the constables. The drainage of the building has been altered to conform to the new sanitary by-laws, and at the same time the drainage of the adjacent Supreme Court building was altered. The whole of the offices, corridors, barrack-rooms, &c., have been renovated and repainted. The upper floor plan has been remodelled and eight bedrooms provided. A brick stable has been built.

Electric lighting has been supplied to the Terrace Gaol.

A retaining-wall has been built along Banks's Terrace, Mount Cook Gaol.

A stable and shed have been built for the Stock Department.

The whole of the Molesworth Street Ministerial residence has been repainted outside, and all necessary repairs done.

The Museum House has been repainted on the outside, and all necessary repapering and repairing done.

Ministerial Residence, Tinakori Road East.—This house has been put in a good state of repair.

The offices rented for the Labour Bureau were renovated and decorated, &c.; also the office rented for the Official Assignee.

The amount of work done during the year in ordinary repairs and maintenance of the various public buildings, and in supplying additional fittings and conveniences, has been very large.

NELSON DISTRICT.

Nelson Departmental Buildings.—An additional strong-room has been built for the Lands and Deeds Department. The whole of the interior of the building has been repainted. The slates on the roof are now, however, giving considerable trouble, as the roof-timbers are rotting and unable to hold the nails. The stables, outbuildings, and fences have been repainted. The Provincial Hall is now being renovated under petty contract.

Motueka.—A new iron roof has been put on the Courthouse, and the building repaired and painted. Some new fencing has been erected, also new outbuildings, for the post- and telegraph-office.

Takaka.—A new porch has been built to the Courthouse, and outbuildings put up. The Courthouse has also been repaired and painted. An acre of land has been bought for the site of a new post- and telegraph-office, and plans for the new building are in course of preparation.

Port Nelson.—Some additional land acquired has been fenced with a 6 ft. corrugated-iron fence.

Nelson Customhouse.—The slate roof has been put in a thorough state of repair, a new lobby has been built, the exterior of the building has been repainted, and some renovating of the interior done.

Nelson Post- and Telegraph-office.—The buildings have been put in thorough repair, a new floor has been laid in the public room, and the exterior of the building has been repainted.

Wakapuaka Cable-station.—Fairly good progress has been made with the contract for the erection of new offices.

Nelson Asylum.—The new two-storied auxiliary asylum in brick has been finished. The alteration to the laundry to enable it to be fitted up with the newest appliances is in progress. The main building has been furnished throughout with electric alarms, and it has been connected by telephone with the new building and the Superintendent's residence. A water-service has been laid to the Superintendent's residence.

A considerable amount of work has been done to the various buildings in the district in minor repairs, and, considering the age of many of the buildings, much work of this kind may be expected in the future.

WESTLAND DISTRICTS.

Westport.—The police-station has been repainted and repaired. There have been some minor repairs done to the Courthouse, and it has been repainted.

Denniston.—The police-station has been repaired and painted.

Minor repairs have been done to the Courthouse and lock-up, Lyell, and to the residence of the Clerk of Court, Westport.

Greymouth Courthouse.—The piles and roof have been renewed. The painting of the interior and exterior of the building will be finished shortly.

Greymouth Police-station.—The old quarters have been taken down and a store, shed, and outbuildings have been erected on their site. The station-building has been repaired and painted. The sergeant's house has been raised above flood-level and repaired and painted, and a new range fitted in the constable's house.

Hokitika Post- and Telegraph-office.—The repairs and painting begun last year have been finished, two new grates have been put in, and work in connection with additional safes is in hand.