

Clay Point, Tory Channel.—Concrete plinth and cylinders have been completed and the light is now in operation.

Godley Head.—This light was moved to a position further down the cliff and an old gas light installed.

Puysegur Point.—Work is in hand on the erection of a new tower.

HARBOUR-WORKS.

Houhora Wharf.—The new concrete wharf has been completed.

Westhaven Wharf.—Reinforced-concrete breastwork, 100 ft. long, has been completed. Damage was sustained during the placing of the approach filling, and repairs are under consideration.

Havelock Wharf.—Repairs have been completed.

LINEN-FLAX DEVELOPMENT.

The programme of the previous year has been expanded, and, in addition to the completion of the ten factories commenced the previous year, six new factories are now in hand—namely, at Seddon, Geraldine, Fairlie, Clydevale, Gore, and Woodlands. The programme also involved the building of retting-tanks at Oxford, Methven, Washdyke, Tapanui, and Winton.

At every factory the services have been made complete, and included accommodation (in some cases up to one hundred workmen), water-supply, sewerage, drainage, and fire-fighting, and a considerable amount of these services have been completed during the year.

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION FOR CHEESE-WORKERS.

The arrangement under which temporary accommodation was provided for cheese-factory workers has now been terminated in view of the situation having been met to a reasonable degree.

DEFENCE WORKS.

In addition to the miscellaneous construction works carried out on behalf of other Departments, the Public Works Department was engaged in a very active construction programme related to the requirements of the armed services. All sections of the Department have devoted their energies towards the urgent prosecution of necessary works, and just prior to the close of the year under review the hours of duty for staff and workmen were extended in order to expedite the completion of defence construction works.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

Reports on public-buildings works and on the operations of the State electric-supply undertakings are contained in the separate reports, included herewith, of the Government Architect and Chief Electrical Engineer, respectively.

STAFF.

I would like to place on record my deep appreciation of the splendid work carried out by all members of the staff during a very difficult period. They have responded to every call made upon them, regardless of personal considerations, and by their efforts huge programmes of an urgent nature have been carried through in record time. Long hours of overtime have been worked without complaint, and in many cases without adequate compensation, and it is my strong recommendation that something further be done in the direction of adequate payment for the long hours worked.

I have, &c.,

W. L. NEWNHAM, M.Inst.C.E.,
Engineer-in-Chief.

APPENDIX C.

ANNUAL REPORT ON BUILDINGS BY THE GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT.

The GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT to the Hon. the MINISTER of PUBLIC WORKS.

SIR,—

I have the honour to submit the following report on the activities of the Architectural Branch for the year ended 31st March, 1942.

The whole of my organization has been occupied with work for the armed services, with the exception of a certain amount of hospital work and works for the Emergency Precautions Service.

By close liaison with the Ministry of Supply I have watched the position with respect to materials and have endeavoured to make fullest use of such as are available.

I wish to place on record the whole-hearted co-operation of my staff in carrying out a heavy programme and adopting new methods to meet new situations as they arise.

Department of Agriculture.—At Te Kauwhata, Blocks A and C of the winery and distillery were completed.

A wheat research laboratory and glasshouse have been built at Canterbury Agricultural College.

Education Department.—The following secondary-school buildings were completed during the year: New Plymouth Boys' High School laboratory block; Nelson College, a two-story reinforced-concrete building; and a technical block at Waimate High School.

Mental Hospitals Department.—Three new villas were completed at Ngawhatu, Nelson; a villa No. 5 at Jenkins Farm, Christchurch; and a nurses' home and laundry block built at Hokitika.

Health Department.—Extra accommodation has been erected in a modern building at Hanmer.

Extensive renovations were carried out at St. Helens Hospital, Christchurch; and at St. Helens Hospital, Invercargill, labour and laundry blocks were erected.