

600. The important column of this statement for present purposes is that relating to new buildings and additions. The amount expended is £259,694 8s. 5d. It will be noted that included in this amount are the amounts spent on erecting the following new substantial residential hotels :—

The Station Hotel in Auckland during 1931–32 at a cost of £63,069 ;

The Commercial Hotel at Te Awamutu during 1937–39 at a cost of £40,354 13s. 7d., the old building with the license having been acquired in 1936 at a cost of £18,589 ; and

The Whakatane Hotel in 1938 at a cost of £32,848.

These are, we think, substantial contributions to the provision of modern hotels.

601. (It should be noted that the purchase of Hotel Cargen during 1938 for £33,787 16s. 6d. represents only a transfer to Hancock and Co. from Cargen Proprietary, Ltd., a company in which the shares were held for Hancock and Co., and that the transfer was made in satisfaction of the losses incurred in running the hotel.)

602. The Campbell and Ehrenfried Co. has supplied the following return, showing its capital expenditure since the year 1930 :—

Hotel.	Situatd.	Nature of Expenditure.	Amount.		
			£	s.	d.
Albert ..	Auckland ..	New hot-water service ; additional lounge space	950	0	0
Caledonia ..		Modernizing and increasing bar accommodation	2,555	0	0
Edinburgh Castle ..		Provision of staff accommodation	458	0	0
Metropolitan ..		Additional toilets ; improved bar accommodation	498	0	0
Prince of Wales ..		Bar alterations	281	0	0
Star ..		Provision of hot and cold water in bedrooms ; increased bathroom accommodation	2,875	0	0
Suffolk ..		Modernizing and increasing bar accommodation	1,600	0	0
Victoria ..		Increased conveniences	109	0	0
Ellerslie ..	Ellerslie ..	Additions to building frontage ; improved bar accommodation	4,508	0	0
Manukau ..	Onehunga ..	New conveniences	89	0	0
Northcote ..	Northcote ..	Additional bar accommodation and toilet conveniences	454	0	0
Commercial ..	Hamilton ..	Complete new building	100,000	0	0
Helensville ..	Helensville ..	Modernizing bar accommodation ; additional bathroom	850	0	0
Imperial ..	Thames ..	Complete new building	17,000	0	0
Masonic ..	Cambridge ..	Additional bathroom	109	0	0
Settlers ..	Whangarei ..	Provision of hot and cold water in bedrooms ; improved bar accommodation ; increased lounge accommodation	4,041	0	0
Waipa ..	Ngaruawahia	Expenditure on bar accommodation ..	100	0	0
			136,477	0	0

603. Included in the total of £136,477 are the amounts paid for the erection of two new buildings—viz., £100,000 for the Commercial Hotel at Hamilton in the year 1939 and £17,000 for the Imperial Hotel at Thames in the year 1936. When these two amounts are deducted from the total there is left a balance of £19,477, which has been largely