

spent on increasing the bar accommodation of hotels. Perhaps the Campbell and Ehrenfried Co. would have spent more on improvements if they had not spent a substantial amount in acquiring hotels. Since 1935 this company has acquired the following hotels :—

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July, 1935	..	..	..	Northcote Hotel	14,000
January, 1936	..	..	..	Helensville Hotel	4,500
July, 1936	..	..	..	Grand Hotel, Te Aroha	22,140
April, 1937	..	..	..	Marine Hotel, Howick	9,099
October, 1941	..	..	..	Edinburgh Castle Hotel	64,965
August, 1944	..	..	..	Edinburgh Castle Shops	7,375
November, 1944	..	..	..	Mon Desir, Takapuna (share only)	6,600
					<u>£128,679</u>

Of the total of £128,679, £64,965 was paid for the Edinburgh Castle Hotel.

604. The Campbell and Ehrenfried Co. has spent less than Hancock and Co. on purchasing hotels and has spent only about half as much as Hancock and Co. on new buildings and improvements during the same period. We think that the Campbell and Ehrenfried Co., which is a very wealthy company, could have done more in the direction of improving hotel accommodation than it has done during the ten years preceding the war.

605. New Zealand Breweries has shown the following capital expenditure on the erection of one new hotel and on items of main improvements in other hotels during a period of ten years ended 31st March, 1945 :—

Hotel and Location.	Nature of Improvements.	Amount.
		£
Waterloo, Wellington	New building	110,000
Canterbury, Methven	Alterations, bedrooms and bathrooms	1,017
Foresters, Greytown	Bedrooms, restoration after fire	758
Katikati, Katikati	Additional bedrooms	500
Old Bank, Timaru	Complete interior renovations and new bathrooms	7,583
Post Office, Onehunga	New bar, bathroom, and toilets	2,364
Pukekohe, Pukekohe	New bedrooms, bathrooms, and showers	11,418
Terminus, Wellington	New store room	526
Wellington, Christchurch	Complete interior renovations	9,380
Terminus, Napier	New bar and lounge and living-quarters	2,368
Tolaga Bay, Tolaga Bay	Proportion cost new bedrooms	307
Maungaturoto, Maungaturoto	Extra bedrooms, bathrooms, and water-supply	986
Royal, Featherston	Improvements, bedrooms	469
Masonic, Wellington	Extra bathrooms and renovations bedrooms	1,203
Mon Desir, Takapuna	Proportion cost new bathrooms, showers, hot and cold water in bedrooms	1,060
Masonic, Southbrook	Renovations, electrical and plumbing, bathroom and bar accommodation	1,110
		<u>151,049</u>

606. After allowing £110,000 for the Hotel Waterloo, there remains the sum of £41,049 which the company has spent on structural improvements to its hotels. The company explains that it is not responsible for capital improvements to hotels held under lease and also that during the last five years practically no major improvements have been carried out. New Zealand Breweries has spent over £1,062,000 in acquiring hotels since 1933. These moneys, no doubt, reduced the amount that could be spent on improving hotels.

607. Dominion Breweries in their return show a yearly lump sum for expenditure on renovations, improvements, and repairs to hotel properties. These sums amount in all from 1931 to 1945 inclusive to £220,590. Expenditure exceeding £10,000 was incurred in the following years : in 1938, £10,579 ; 1939, £29,833 ; 1940, £40,477 ; 1941, £31,504 ; 1942, £14,380 ; 1944, £25,651 ; and 1945, £45,931.