

*Army Department.*—A new sprinkler system and new fire mains have been installed at Hopu Hopu Camp stores, and the magazine buildings at Kelm's Road are being resheeted with asbestos-cement. General maintenance and repairs have been carried out to twenty drill-halls, the Blenheim drill-hall being subject to very extensive repairs and renovations.

*Navy Department.*—Substantial store accommodation at Calliope was completed, and other works, additions, alterations, and maintenance carried out there and at Tasman and Tamaki.

*Air Department.*—Administration buildings have been constructed for National Airways at Kaitaia, Kaikohe, and Onerahi, in the Northland district. Restoration of buildings, &c., to pre-war colours has been carried out for the Taieri Aero Club, Masterton Aero Club and, at Kukuhiā, buildings have been altered to form a kitchen, and a stove has been installed, also sumps and drainage. Aerials have been dismantled and maintenance of buildings carried out in respect of Radar Stations Nos. 5, 6, and 7, while the extensions were completed for Unahi D.F. Station.

*Education Department.*—At Wellington Girls' College a new class-room block was completed in September last and the building officially opened and occupied. The gymnasium and assembly hall for Stratford Technical High School constructed from an Army recreation hall is nearly completed. Owing to the growth of the housing area in the Hutt Valley, a temporary school at Waddington had to be urgently constructed from an existing mess building on the site of the artisans' camp. Substantial progress has been made on the construction on new Lower Hutt Intermediate School, although some temporary delays have occurred due to shortage of labour and materials. The domestic-science block for King Edward Technical College, Dunedin, is two-thirds completed. Work is also in progress on the additions at Southland Technical College, Invercargill, the concrete foundations and retaining-walls being in position. Renovations, &c., are proceeding at Anderson's Bay Girls' Receiving Home and the Otekaieke Special School for Boys. Work is in hand, and approximately 50 per cent. completed, on the provision of hostel accommodation for rehabilitation students attending Massey College. At Lincoln College temporary accommodation was provided for trainees, while preparations are in hand for increasing the water-supply. A tender has also been received for a dormitory block at the same college. In the Auckland district materials from demolished camp buildings have been utilized in construction of school buildings at Takapuna Grammar, Balmoral, Manukau, Avondale, and Kawhia Intermediate Schools, Otahuhu Technical High School, Auckland University, and Elam School of Art.

*Government Buildings.*—For the purpose of improving Government office accommodation at Alexandra, the transfer of a building from Clydevale Linen-flax Factory, purchased from the War Assets Realization Board, was made. Repairs and renovations were carried out at Invercargill and Napier. Extensive alterations to a building purchased in Palmerston North were carried out for the purpose of accommodating various Departments.

*Health Department.*—The construction of the new nurses' home at Nelson Hospital to accommodate seventy beds was completed and the building occupied last year, while the new kitchen block is in course of construction. Work on the sewerage at Queen Mary Hospital, Hanmer, was suspended last June owing to shortage of labour, but was resumed in February of this year. Excavation was completed for the Imhoff tank and a commencement made with the walls. A large maternity hospital, St. Helens, is now under construction at Christchurch. Kitchen alterations were completed at St. Helens Hospital, Auckland.