

particularly in isolated localities, and in the supply of materials. The following schedule lists the buildings erected and in course of erection according to a broad classification, but does not include activities within the mill grounds at the various State sawmills, which are shown under another heading :—

Type of Building.	Completed During Year.	In Progress at 31st March.
Houses—		
Standard type	36	52
Sawmill workers' type	42	12
Temporary	5	1
Dormitory blocks	..	3
Single men's huts	216	21
Camp ablution block and/or sanitary block ..	7	5
Camp kitchen—dining-room	1	1
Recreation-rooms	5	..
Plant workshop	4	3
Plant garage	5	2
Power-house (for Diesel-driven generator) ..	1	..
Stable	1	..
Blacksmith's shop	3	1
Fire depot	3	1
Fire lookout	2	..
Office and/or store	19	..
House renovations	13	..
Buildings removed and re-erected	6	..
Buildings enlarged or altered	11	..
Miscellaneous small buildings	14	1
Sixteen-unit flat	..	1

Building operations connected with the Waipa Mill include the completion of the export dry store, erection of a Quonset hut as a store at the railway, erection of a new yard office, and the conversion of the former plant workshop for other purposes. At the Kaingaroa Mill, additions have been made to the sorting-table, and work has commenced on the permanent log-skids and log-sorting chain. Progress at Conical Hill Sawmill is very slow. A contract has been let for the construction of the main mill building, while a store, dry-loading shed, and log-sorting chain structure have been constructed, and the log pond partially built, by day-labour.

2. *Community Planning.*—The Forest Service is indebted to the Housing Division, Ministry of Works, for planning the layout of forest communities. Localities planned so far include Glenburvie, Tairua, Pureora, Kaingaroa, Minginui, Waipa, Kiorenui, Wairapukao, Karioi, Gwavas, Golden Downs, Hammer, Balmoral, Ashley, Eyrewell, and Tapanui. Progress is slow, but in many instances streets and footpaths have been formed and kerbing and channelling commenced. Where development is sufficiently advanced, lawns have been sown and recreational facilities provided. No permanent community buildings have yet been commenced, on account of the necessity for concentrating on more essential buildings; but steel huts have been erected in several of the localities to serve as community halls. The planting of ornamental shrubs will be undertaken during the coming year.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORT

1. *Utilization Plants.*—At the Waipa Mill the boiler installation is now sufficient to enable the brickwork and boilers to be given more intensive maintenance than they received prior to 1947. A surface condenser was installed during the past year of sufficient capacity to deal with the exhausts from all engines, and the old condensers were discarded. An alteration was made to the arches of Nos. 2 and 3 boiler furnaces,