

in 2 cases were taken at the V.D. clinic at Wellington Hospital—there were no admissions to hospital. Dental attention has been again carried out by Mr. W. P. Sommersville, J.P., who has provided dentures, fillings, &c., whenever required.

Of the 25 breaches of the regulations committed during the year covering 23 individuals dealt with, 9 were dealt with by the Visiting Justices and 16 by myself, the latter being of a minor nature and requiring disciplinary correction.

The dairy herd has been kept in excellent condition and the production has been up to previous years. Supplies of milk and butter for prison rations have been maintained, as well as the daily milk-supplies to local staff. Surplus butter has been sold on the local market. An excellent crop of hay has again been harvested this year for winter feeding.

In the pig-raising industry 152 baconers were fattened and sold. Weaners transferred from other institutions numbered 286, and 61 of these were sold to Wi Tako Prison.

General maintenance of the prison buildings was carried out during the year; new floors have been put down in the prison kitchen and bakehouse. The new garage has been erected at the rear of the prison and consists of two garages for the motor van and truck, blacksmith-shop, also a storeroom for loose tools, &c. The work of extending the eaves of the main institutional buildings is now under way and should be finished very shortly. Other proposed work is the removal of the old steel window-sashes and replacing same with wooden frames. Repairs and general maintenance of cottages, &c., have been carried out. At the old Borstal buildings at Point Halswell a further two flats with all separate conveniences have been completed and occupied. It is proposed to erect a further two flats. The manufacture of office furniture for Head Office, Magistrates' and Supreme Courts, Arohata Borstal Institution, &c., has been completed during the year.

The dietary scale has again been well maintained and the prison bakehouse continues to manufacture a good loaf of bread. Bread has also been supplied to the Arohata Borstal Institution and local staff. A regular supply of fresh vegetables has been supplied from our vegetable garden.

The printing industry continues to furnish very satisfactory results, and, in spite of the restrictions on the supply of paper, stocks of institutional forms, &c., have been maintained. Laundering for State Departments has been carried out during the period. At Arohata Borstal Farm one officer and fourteen men from this institution have been regularly employed on general farm work.

The work in the prison nursery continues to give good results. During the year 8,726 trees were sent out on behalf of the Wellington Beautifying Society for planting on Arbour Day, &c.

Christmas cheer was again provided by the various organizations, including the Tory Street Mission, Wellington City Mission, Wellington branch of the Howard League for Penal Reform, who sent gifts of cake, tobacco, &c. Gifts of tobacco were also received from the Controller-General of Prisons. The Country Library Service has maintained a regular supply of good books and there has also been a good demand for books from the prison library. Sound films of a good standard were exhibited at regular intervals during the year.

Throughout the year Church services have been held each week, and to the ministers of the Anglican, Presbyterian, and other Protestant Churches, Rev. Harry Squires of the Wellington City Mission, and Fathers Uhlenberg and Ward, members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, also the officers of the Salvation Army, who have visited us at various times we are deeply indebted.

In conclusion, I have to thank the staff for their fine co-operation. Their conduct has at all times been excellent and the routine of the prison has been carried out in a satisfactory manner.