

£254,000—namely, £46,750 under the Consolidated Fund, and £207,250 under the Public Works Fund. The principal works carried out last year or provided for this year are as follow :—

GENERAL.

The fitting-up of the new library wing of the Parliament Buildings, altering the buildings at Mount Cook to adapt them to a Defence depot, and sundry interior renovations and sanitary improvements at the General Departmental Buildings were carried out under this head last year. The vote for the current year provides for new offices and laboratories for the Mines, Agricultural, and Public Health Departments, acquisition of the land for some necessary additions to the Departmental Buildings in Auckland, completing the alterations at the Mount Cook Defence Depot, partial rebuilding Departmental Offices, Napier, completion of fittings of new and of renovation of old portion of Parliament Buildings, and sundry minor works.

JUDICIAL.

Courthouses.—New Courthouses have been erected or are in hand at Te Awamutu, Mangaweka, Collingwood, Temuka, Hampden, Dunedin, and the Bluff; and extensive renovations have been effected at Auckland, Hikurangi, Whakatane, Taupo, and Wanganui. The principal works provided for in the vote for the current year are the completion of the new law-courts at Dunedin; new Magistrate's Court, Wellington; new Courthouses at Waihi, Opunake, Outram, Gore, and Orepuki; and additions, renovations, or improvements at Ngāruawahia, Wairoa, Napier, Waipawa, Patea, Feilding, Palmerston North, Carterton, Westport, Kumara, Hokitika, Christchurch, Waimate, Oamaru, Lawrence, and Invercargill.

Gaols.—The total expenditure under this head last year only amounted to £1,258. The principal work in hand was the continuation of operations at the new gaol at Mount Eden, Auckland, with minor works at Napier, Wellington, and Dunedin. Provision is made in current year's vote for continuing operations in Auckland, for additions to gaol building and new Gaoler's house at Wellington, Gaolers' houses at Westport and Dunedin, new warders' cottages at Lyttelton, and for a new gaol on a new site at Invercargill.

Police-stations.—A large number of small works under the heading of police-stations have been in hand during the year, the principal items being as follows: New stations at Hamilton West, Gisborne, Feilding, Westport, Arrowtown, and Invercargill; new quarters at New Plymouth, Nelson, Queenstown, and Bluff; purchase of land at Kaiapoi; and additions or extensive renovations at Ngāruawahia, Gisborne, Spit, Inglewood, Manaia, Waverley, Marton, Lower Hutt, Blenheim, Lyell, Greymouth, Rangiora, Christchurch, Timaru, and Winton. The principal works provided for this year are new cells, watchhouse, and quarters at Auckland; additions at Mount Cook, Wellington; new stations at Onehunga, Tolago Bay, Ormondville, Patea, Taihape, Akaroa, Waikouaiti, Dunedin (King Street), Outram, and Roxburgh; new quarters at Waipawa, Denniston, Timaru, and Oamaru; and additions or extensive renovations at Aratapu, Kawhia, Clive, Waitara, Stratford, Opunake, Hawera, Wanganui, Kimbolton, Hokitika, Cheviot, Southbridge, Lyttelton, Ashburton, Glenavy, St. Bathans, Cromwell, Ophir, and Lawrence.

POST AND TELEGRAPH.

New post-offices were erected at Karangahake, Hamilton, Wereroa, Eketahuna, Masterton, Petone, Wellington (Newtown), Takaka, Sumner, Naseby, and Bluff; land and buildings were purchased at Ponsonby and Papanui; a new site at Inglewood; custodian's quarters built at Auckland; and extensive alterations or additions at Auckland, Otahuhu, Rotorua, Wairoa, New Plymouth, Christchurch (telephone exchange), Clyde, Cromwell, Alexandra, and Roxburgh; and contributions towards new offices in railway-stations were made at Clinton and Morven. In the vote for the current year provision is made for a commencement with the new Pacific cable-station at Doubtless Bay;