

Some formation-works have been done on the Waipuna Road. A tourist-track has been formed up Cobden Hill and a clearing made on top. A tourist-track has been formed to the waterfall on Coal Creek. A tourist-track over Point Elizabeth is in course of construction. The construction of the Haupiri-Amuri Road from Fox's was started in November, and the work in hand was finished in May, no further progress being possible owing to dispute about taking the road through certain land. A report on a dispute about Doughboy's Track was furnished. Surveys were made and a report made on the river-encroachments above the Main Grey. Alternative routes for a road on Ross Flat were surveyed and reported on. A contract has been let for work on the Haupiri-Hot Springs Track. The Seven-mile Beach Track has been completed as far as vote admits. A survey has been made and some work let on the Clarke River Track.

A contract has been let for the erection of a road-bridge over the Waitaha River.

Reports have been furnished to the Mines and Lands Departments, and inspections, &c., made on: Lamplough Track; Styx River Track; Taipo-Seven-mile Track; Granville-Grey River Road and Mosquito Road; track, Murray Creek to Waitaha River; track, Blackwater to Big River; track, Big River to St. George's; Nelson Creek-Bell Hill Road; Healey's Gully Track; Blackball Bridge; Cape Terrace Road; Waipuna Road; Kotaku-Brown's Terrace Road; bridge, Eight-mile Creek, Dunganville Road; road, Barrytown to Paparoa; road, Paroa to Teremakau; bridge, Maori Gully Road; road, Seven-mile to Nine-mile Bluff; Upper Kokatahi Road; Blackball Foot-bridge; flood damage, Waitaha River.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Government House.—The building and grounds have been kept in good order and prepared as required for His Excellency's visits to Auckland. The small stable built for the Royal visit has been converted into a hot-house.

Admiralty House.—The contract let by the Harbour Board for a new building is approaching completion. The old building has been let at a reduced rate; it badly needs repairs.

Departmental Buildings, Auckland.—Some alterations to accommodate the Roads Department were made. All necessary repairs, &c., have been attended to. An allotment adjoining the buildings has been taken by Proclamation to enable an extension being built.

Departmental Buildings, Thames.—Some galvanised-iron lining was fixed to keep out the drift of easterly gales, and various repairs done.

Departmental Buildings, Tauranga.—Various small repairs have been done.

Courthouses.

Supreme Court, Auckland.—The slates have required much attention; they require renailling throughout. Repairs to gas and water services have been made. The Public Works Stores shed has been removed.

Stipendiary Magistrate's Court, Auckland.—Ordinary repairs have been attended to. The zinc slate-nails are perished; it will be necessary to strip roof and renaill the slates with copper nails. The renovation of the caretaker's cottage has been done, and a bath-room has been added to it.

Ngaruawahia.—The old post-office has been converted into a Courthouse and suitably furnished.

Te Awamutu.—The maintenance of the new building has been duly provided for by the contractor. The old building has been sold.

Cambridge.—A dividing-fence has been erected between the grounds of the Courthouse and police-station.

Whakatane.—Some fittings and furniture have been provided for the new room built last year.

Waihi.—A new Courthouse has been built and supplied with fittings and furniture.

Wairoa.—A contract for alterations, additions, repairs, and painting has been completed.

Police-stations.

Kaitia.—A lock-up has been built.

Aratapu.—A lock-up has been built and some repairs and painting done.

Ongarue.—A constable's cottage and cells have been built.

Pahi.—Ordinary repairs have been done.

Auckland.—A matron's quarters and lock-up have been built at the new station. Various repairs have been attended to. A fire damaged the stable in March last; the building has since been repaired. A new coach-house has just been completed.

Ponsonby.—An estimate has been made of the cost of putting a top story on the building.

Onehunga.—A site for sergeant's residence has been reported on.

Newton.—Some repairs have been done.

Mercer.—A new wash-house and porch have been built.

Otahuhu.—Some repairs and painting have been completed.

Pukekohe.—A new wash-house has been built.

Cambridge.—The drainage has been put right.

Gisborne.—Some minor works have been done during the year.

Mercury Bay.—Repairs and painting of this station are in hand.

Port Awanui.—A contract for additions, repairs, painting, &c., is in hand.

Paeroa.—Some painting and paperhanging have been done.

Waihi.—Some minor repairs, &c., have been done.

Kawhia.—A contract for additions, repairs, painting, &c., has just been started.

Hamilton West.—The contractor's maintenance of the building erected has been duly performed.