

*Cable-station, Doubtless Bay.*

A contract was let in December for the erection of the buildings. The cable hut and office were ready for the landing of the cable on the 24th March by the "Anglia." The contract was completed on the 17th ultimo, and the buildings handed over to the Telegraph authorities. A water-supply is now being laid on.

*Miscellaneous.*

*Mount Albert Industrial School.*—A water-supply was laid on from the Asylum reservoir. An iron fire-escape has been fixed at the front of verandah. Some work on additions and repairs has been done. Plans and specifications have been prepared for an extensive addition, including a large dining-room.

*Ponsonby Hall.*—Letting was not very successful this year. Repapering has been authorised, and will be done soon.

*Motuihi Quarantine Station.*—Work on repairs, new drainage, and painting is in progress.

An office has been fitted up for the Tourist Department in Queen Street.

Tenders have been called for erection of Harbourmaster's office on the Onehunga Wharf.

A European school at Poro-o-tarao has been removed to Ongarue.

Some painting was done in the saloon of the s.s. "Hinemoa."

An office for the Public Health Department has been fitted up in the old police quarters in Chancery Lane.

An office for the Agricultural Department has been fitted up at Cambridge.

Arrangements were made for the illumination of the Departmental Buildings and the Chief Post-office, Auckland; the Post-office, Onehunga; the Post-office and Departmental Buildings, Thames; and the Post-office, Gisborne.

*NEW PLYMOUTH, WANGANUI, AND HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICTS.*

*New Plymouth Departmental Buildings.*—A contract for alterations to the offices for the Lands and Survey Department was let and completed during the year; also a contract for new drainage was satisfactorily completed.

*Courthouses.*

*New Plymouth.*—A contract has been let for painting the Courthouse, and is completed.

*Stratford.*—Electric light has been installed in the Courthouse.

*Opunake.*—A contract for the erection of a Courthouse has been let.

*Hawera.*—A contract for painting the Courthouse has been completed.

*Patea.*—A contract for additions is in progress.

*Hunterville.*—A contract for painting has been completed.

*Feilding.*—A contract for painting the Courthouse has been finished.

*Palmerston North.*—A contract for painting the Courthouse has been completed.

*Waipawa.*—A contract for repairs and painting the Courthouse has been completed during the year.

*Napier.*—A contract for painting and renovating the Courthouse has been completed, and also a contract for renovating the furniture.

*Gaols.*

A shelter-shed in the Napier Gaol yard has been built during the year, and a contract has been let for a fire service.

*Police-stations.*

*Waitara.*—A contract for alterations, additions, and repairs was carried out during the year.

*New Plymouth.*—A contract has been let for the erection of a sergeant's residence.

*Stratford.*—A small contract for painting and repairs to the police-station was completed.

*Opunake.*—Some small additions have been made to the police quarters.

*Mania.*—A new stable and lock-up have been built during the year.

*Hawera.*—A four-cell lock-up has been built.

*Patea.*—Tenders were obtained for additions and repairs, but declined, being too high. Nothing further has been done.

*Waitotara.*—Tenders for additions, &c., to the police-station were received, but declined, as being too high.

*Wanganui.*—The police buildings have been painted.

*Taihape.*—A contract for erection of buildings has been let.

*Kimbolton.*—A new stable and lock-up have been built.

*Foxton.*—A contract for additions to the police buildings has been let.

*Waipawa.*—A contract for the erection of a constable's residence has been completed during the year, and the sergeant's house has been painted.

*Ormondville.*—A contract has been let for the erection of buildings.

*Napier.*—A contract for painting, &c., is nearly completed.

*Post and Telegraph Offices.*

*Inglewood.*—The erection of a brick post and telegraph office has been completed.

*Toko.*—A new building has been erected during the year.

*Opunake.*—A new post and telegraph office has been built in brick, and the old buildings have been converted into a Postmaster's residence.

*Mania.*—Tenders for additions to the postal buildings were received, but declined. Fresh tenders have been invited.

*Hawera.*—A combined drainage scheme for various public buildings has been carried out. A sound-proof telephone-box and other alterations made in the post-office.