

Bluff.—A contract for repairs and renovations has been carried out.

Tapanui.—A contract for repairs and drainage has been carried out.

Cromwell Police-station and Courthouse.—A contract for repairs, fencing, and removal of sand from the ground has been completed.

Mosgiel.—A contract for painting and renovating the police-station building has been completed.

Lumsden.—A contract for painting and renovating the police-station and Courthouse has been completed.

Mataura.—The building has been renovated, and the drainage improved.

Wyndham.—A contract for additions and repairs is nearly completed.

Oamaru.—A sergeant's residence has been erected.

Courthouses.

Orepuki.—A contract for the erection of a new Courthouse has been completed.

Invercargill.—A contract for building a new strong-room and supply of fittings has been completed.

Dunedin.—The furnishing of the new Law Courts was completed early in the year.

Post and Telegraph Offices.

Dunedin.—A contract for additions and alterations to the post-office buildings is still in progress. The old Supreme Court room is being fitted up as a letter-carriers' room by petty contract, and a contract has been let for railing arcade in front of old Stipendiary Magistrate's Court.

Invercargill.—A contract for painting the outside woodwork has been completed.

Gore.—A small contract for office-fittings has been completed.

Bluff.—A contract for turret clock and chimes for the post-office has been completed.

Tapanui.—A new Postmaster's residence has been built.

A Native hostelry has been built at the Bluff.

A new water-supply pipe half a mile long has been laid from the city main to the Caversham Industrial School, and temporary fever hospital built.

A petty contract for the renovation of the Customhouse, Dunedin, has been completed.

A contract for the erection of an electrician's house at Seacliff is in progress.

Offices have been fitted up and a strong-room built in Briscoe's Buildings, Invercargill, for the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

A large number of small works were carried out in maintaining the various buildings in the district.

MARINE.

The contract for the cast-iron tower for the Kahurangi Lighthouse was completed by Messrs. Judd, of the Thames, and the material was successfully landed at the site of the lighthouse. The tower has been erected, but the floors, stairs, &c., have yet to be done. Three dwellings are partly finished, and various outhouses, sheds, and stores are also in course of erection, drains laid, &c. About 10 acres of bush have been cleared and laid down in grass. The concrete tanks have been completed, except some plastering; paths have been formed, and a short service tramway. The works have been much delayed by the bad landing.

A contract has been let to Mr. C. Judd, of the Thames, for the manufacture of a cast-iron tower for Cape Campbell, and a considerable amount of work has been done on it.

Batley Wharf, in Kaipara Harbour, was reported on. A report was made on the bars and shallows of the Waiwawa River, Mercury Bay. Soundings were taken and a report made on the work required to deepen the Helensville Channel of the Kaipara Harbour. A contract for the supply of timber for Cape Maria van Diemen Lighthouse has been finished. Plans have been made for the extension of the wharf at Whitianga, Mercury Bay. Tenders have been called for the excavation of about 800 cubic yards of rock in the Onehunga Channel, Manukau Harbour.

A survey was made and levels taken at the site of the proposed new lighthouse at Cape Campbell.

A report was made on the repairs required to protective works at the junction of the Wairau and Opawa Rivers.

Reclamation-works at Lyttelton are being carried on by prison labour as available.

Additional accommodation has been provided at the principal lightkeeper's house, Taiaroa Heads Lighthouse.

A goods-shed has been built on the Okarito Wharf.

DEFENCES.

AUCKLAND.

At one of the forts the caretaker's cottage has been connected with the city drainage; at another fort sites for 6 in. guns have been partly excavated. The officers' quarters painted and papered, road repaired, camping-ground formed and metalled, drainage-connections made, and many small but useful works executed.

The jetty bank at the Submarine Depot has been protected by a concrete apron, and a punt repaired.

At one fort the engine-shed and emplacements for electric light have been completed, a wind-mill has been erected, and a directing-station constructed. At another fort the hot-water service to the officers' quarters has been renewed.

A contract for a drill-hall and a gun-shed has been completed. Gas has since been laid on, new fittings provided, some fencing erected, and drainage done.