

Works Fund. The expenditure amounted to £85,644—namely, £27,854 under the former, and £57,790 under the latter fund.

The bulk of this money was granted to Education Boards for expenditure, practically the only school-building works controlled by the Government being the buildings for Native and industrial schools. Native schools were erected, or are now in course of erection, at Whangara, Tongoio, Puniho, Te Teko, Torere, Omaio, and Te Kaha; the Ahipara School was removed and re-erected; additions were made at Tikitiki, Tuparoa, Waiomatatini, Te Araroa, and Parapara; and teachers' residences erected at Peria, Paeroa, and Kaiapoi.

For the current year a total appropriation of £110,950 is asked for—namely, £24,950 under the Consolidated Fund, and £86,000 under the Public Works Fund. In addition to the ordinary grants to Education Boards, provision is made for a grant of £5,756 to the Victoria College, and £2,124 (balance of grant for £3,000) to the Waitaki High School. Substantial provision is also made for the new industrial-school buildings at Levin, and for the Deaf-mute Institute at Sumner. Votes are also provided for additions to Mount Albert (Auckland) Industrial School, additions to the similar schools at Burnham and Te Oranga (Christchurch), and for the purchase of a building to be used as a receiving home in Christchurch, also for a home for weak-minded and epileptic children.

OTHER BUILDING WORKS.

In addition to the classes of buildings already mentioned, a sum of £3,540 was expended last year in grants for hospitals and other charitable institutions, the chief items being in connection with the Whangarei, Napier, and Greymouth Hospitals. Some expenditure also took place in connection with the new Sanatorium for Consumptives at Maungakawa, Cambridge. An amount of £884 was also expended on buildings for the Agricultural Department.

For the current year provision is made as under:—

Agriculture.—Bone-sterilising buildings and plant at Auckland and Bluff; purchase of land at Te Mata; new offices and laboratory, Wallaceville; new offices at Carterton and Balclutha; dairy-produce grading store at Dunedin; poultry depot at Christchurch; and for alterations and additions to existing accommodation at Hawera and Rotherham.

Hospitals and Charitable Institutions.—For grants for new hospitals at Northern Wairoa, Waihi, Wairoa (Hawke's Bay), and Reefton; for a nurses' home at Wanganui; for additions at Greymouth; and for one or two smaller items. Provision is also made for wards for cases requiring special treatment at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin; and for additions and improvements at the Inebriates' Home, Waitati.

Public Health.—Under this head substantial provision is made for completing the Cambridge Sanatorium, and for making a commencement with the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Auckland; also for a new wharf at the Motuihi (Auckland) Quarantine-station, and for alterations to the wharf at the similar station at Somes Island (Wellington), and for some small necessary buildings.

LIGHTHOUSES, HARBOUR-WORKS, AND HARBOUR DEFENCES.

The only lighthouse on which any expenditure worthy of mention took place last year was the new building now in course of erection at Kahuranga Point, but the connection of lighthouses with the telegraph system entailed an expenditure of over £1,600. On the current year's estimates provision is made for continuing this latter work, and for completing the Kahuranga building; also for new buildings at Cape Campbell and Jack's Point, and for a new dwelling at Cape Maria.

The expenditure on harbour-works was small, the item responsible for the bulk of the expenditure being the protection of the Spit at Napier against encroachment by the sea. For the current year provision is made for improving the channel to the wharf at Onehunga; for wharves at Waiwera, Mercury Bay, Opotiki, Mokau, and Bruce Bay; for some improvements in the harbour at