

ROTORUA DRAINAGE-WORKS.

The reconstruction of the drains in the Rotorua Township is in progress, also the construction of a considerable length of new drains.

ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS.

A considerable amount of work has been done during the year in tramway-inspection, and in other work connected with the electric tramways being constructed in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin.

DEFENCES.

AUCKLAND.

At one fort a directing-station has been built, water-tanks fixed, concrete trenches for electric-light cables made, a concrete floor in the engine-room laid. Some repairs to the wharf have been carried out.

At another fort sewerage-connections have been made to the suburban sewers, the camping-ground improved, and some fencing done; also a new gun-pit has been partly finished.

At a third fort some sewerage-connections were put in, the boundary-fence repaired, and some minor repairs to the works carried out.

Some repairs to a rifle range have been carried out, and a contract let for the erection of a magazine store.

WELLINGTON.

An old emplacement has been converted to be used for a breech-loading gun, and a magazine reconstructed.

A submarine-mining station has been finished.

Some work has been done in fixing datum points.

A water-supply has been provided to two forts, and an electric-light line has been partly erected at one fort.

A marine survey of Mahanga Bay has been made.

Repairs to the old part of Shelly Bay wharf are in progress. The road from Miramar to Shelly Bay has been put in a good state of repair.

A piece of ground has been levelled at Mahanga Bay for camping purposes.

A torpedo-boat shed damaged by a storm has been repaired and other minor repairs done.

Additional water-storage has been provided at Trentham rifle range, and the parapet of the butts repaired.

The butts and firing-mounds of the upper range at Polhill Gully have been repaired and new butts and target-hut built at the lower range, and other works done.

The Commandant's offices at Alexandra Military Depot are nearly ready for occupation; the building for artificer's workshop is complete. In the barracks electric lights have been fixed in the billiard-room. The stove-pipes have been renewed, and some other alterations and repairs done. The removal of clay by brickmakers has now advanced so far as to enable the finishing of the parade-ground on the west side of the building to be put in hand. Ground on the north and east of the building has also been partially formed by the removal of clay for brickmaking.

Some stormwater-drains and an asphalt tennis-court have been constructed; gas lighting has been installed in the Buckle Street general instruction-hall, and some repairs to the Buckle Street buildings done, and also to the Kaiwarra magazine.

DUNEDIN.

At one fort an artillery store has been built, also a loading-gallery; a new parapet has been built for a gun-pit.

A magazine-roof has been reasphalted, an old wooden platform has been replaced by a concrete-and-iron one, and alterations made in a B.C. Station.

At the third battery a concrete gallery is in course of construction, also the excavation for an engine-room; also, search-light plant has been temporarily erected.

A building is being erected for an artillery workshop.

A contract for additions to barracks is in progress.

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