

WHAKAREWAREWA MODEL PA.

The model pa which is being built at Whakarewarewa has been pushed on a further stage. The whole of the palisading is now completed, and some of the interior structures are in hand.

Great care has been taken, in proceeding with this work, to consult, down to the minutest details, all possible authorities in the forms of monographs, and the memories of the older Natives of the district.

In deciding on a suitable design difficulty was experienced in avoiding European influences. This applied more particularly to those features of pa-building which were introduced (through the use of rifles) during the wars of 1845 and later, and which are obviously not truly characteristic of the Maori. Every attempt, however, has been made to keep the detail as true to original Maori custom as possible.

I have again to acknowledge the very loyal and energetic assistance received from each of the responsible members of the staff, without which it would be impossible to satisfactorily carry out the various works outlined above.

Yours, &c.,

LAWRENCE BIRKS, B.Sc., A.M.I.C.E.,

Engineer in Charge.

The General Manager, Tourist Department, Wellington.

APPENDIX IV.

REPORT OF RESIDENT OFFICER, TOWN OF ROTORUA.

SIR,—

Department of Tourist and Health Resorts, Rotorua, 23rd June, 1908.

I have the honour to report on the municipal administration of the Town of Rotorua for the year ending March, 1908, as follows:—

The most important addition to the scope of my duties as an officer of the Department during the year was my appointment as Resident Officer under "The Rotorua Town Act, 1907." On the 1st September, 1907, I took over under your directions the control of the Town of Rotorua from the late Town Council, of which body I had been Chairman by Government appointment since March, 1907. The electric light and water-supply works were from their installation controlled by the Department, and the expert staff employed in connection with these works made it possible for the Department to take over the remaining works in connection with the town administration, and carry on the complete management of the town in a more economical manner than had been the case in the past under divided control. The revenue of the town for the past eight years has been as follows:—

	£		£
1901	1,164	1905	4,107
1902	2,236	1906	3,963
1903	3,975	1907	5,150
1904	4,447		

The increase in revenue for the last year over the previous year is chiefly due to outstanding nightsoil fees, which were in arrears at the time the Department assumed control of the town, and the receipt of a heavy instalment of fees due to the town account from the Treasury on the last day of the year. The expenditure for the year has been heavier than usual, owing to the amount expended in road and street construction; expenditure on work of this description will be reduced for the current year. The revenue for the current year is estimated at £4,300, and this amount will be sufficient to carry out the necessary works and administration of the town; but it will be necessary, in my opinion, to spend the whole of the sum available on such permanent improvements as are calculated to reduce the cost of cleaning and maintenance of roads and streets in future.

The receipts and expenditure for the year have been as follows:—

Receipts.	£	Expenditure.	£
Crown rents	2,277	Works	4,240
Bath fees	1,294	Nightsoil	485
Nightsoil fees	950	Fire-prevention	154
Publicans' licenses	182	Isolation Hospital	92
General licenses	189	Licensing expenses	22
Library fees	81	Library	110
Pound fees	50	Pound	24
Dog-registration	34	Charitable aid	6
Sundries	93	Insurance	23
		Salaries	337
		Office expenses	157
		Sundries	183
	<u>£5,150</u>		<u>£5,893</u>