

alterations and additions at the old Parliament Buildings. The principal works provided for in the current year's estimates are the new Government House and the new Legislative Council Chamber; the completion of the additions to the departmental buildings at Auckland; some necessary additions to the Government Printing Office; new departmental buildings at Hamilton, New Plymouth, Masterton, Westport, Greymouth, Christchurch, and Invercargill; the reclamation of the sites for the Post and Telegraph, Marine, Public Works, and Agricultural Departments' stores in Wellington; the provision of fire-alarms at the principal Government buildings in the four chief centres; and for making a commencement with the new Dominion Museum.

#### JUDICIAL.

*Courthouses.*—The expenditure on Courthouses last year amounted to £14,473, being a considerable increase on the previous year's total. The principal items were in respect of the new buildings at Cambridge, Raglan, Kawhia, Te Kuiti, Waitara, Eltham, Feilding, Lower Hutt, and Otautau; acquiring a new site at Petone, and extensive additions at Whangarei, Palmerston North, Wellington, and Christchurch. For the current year provision is made for new Courthouses at Auckland, Taumarunui, Opotiki, Waipiro Bay, Waverley, Masterton, Petone, Ross, Cheviot, and Fairlie; for additions at Gisborne and New Plymouth, and for the completion of some other works commenced last year.

*Gaols.*—The principal expenditure under this head was in connection with the new prisons at Auckland and Invercargill, but lesser amounts were expended on improvement-works at Gisborne, New Plymouth, and Wanganui. The current year's estimates provide for continuing the work at Auckland and Invercargill; for a new gaol at Gisborne; for extensive additions at Wellington; and for improvements at Lyttelton and Dunedin.

*Police-stations.*—A large number of works under this head were in hand last year, the principal being new stations at Kaitia, Newmarket, Morrinsville, Raglan, Carterton, Petone, Wellington (Newtown), Richmond, Granity, Dunollie, Cheviot, Kaiapoi, Addington, Waimate, Ranfurly, and Clinton; and additions at Whangarei, Auckland, Hastings, and Sheffield. The vote proposed for the current year provides for new stations at Kaikohe, Auckland (Eden Terrace), Parnell, New Plymouth, Shannon, Pongaroa, Masterton, Motueka, Takaka, Blackball, Sydenham, Lincoln, Rakaia, and Chatham Islands; for the purchase of properties at Ellerslie, Frankton, Wakefield, New Brighton, and Woolston; for new quarters at Hamilton, Rangiora, and Christchurch; and for additions at Thames, Rotorua, Wellington (Manners Street), and Greymouth.

#### POST AND TELEGRAPH.

Extensive building works were in hand last year for the Post and Telegraph Department, the total expenditure having amounted to £62,263. The principal items were as under:—New offices at Whangarei, Matakoho, Kaipara Flats, Birkenhead, Devonport, Auckland (Upper Symonds Street), Howick, Newmarket, Clevedon, Cambridge, Port Awanui, Toko, Aramoho, Taihape, Utiku, Kimbolton, Apiti, Weraroa, Featherston, Upper Hutt, Wellington (Courtenay Place), Burnett's Face, Blackball, Greymouth, Kekerangu, Woolston, Geraldine, and Fairlie; purchase of new properties at Kingsland, Kaikoura, and Christchurch (Tuam Street); additions at Waihi, Rotorua, Tolaga Bay, Manakau, Eketahuna, Wellington (Telephone Exchange), Blenheim, Christchurch, Dunedin, North Dunedin, and Invercargill; also a wharf for the cable-repairing steamer, Auckland.

The proposed appropriation for the current year provides for new offices at Kaitia, Kaeo, Maungaturoto, Warkworth, Helensville, Auckland (new Chief Post Office), Mount Eden, Auckland (Wellesley Street), Mount Roskill, Mount Albert, Ellerslie, Epsom, Pukekohe, Huntly, Frankton, Otorohanga, Te Kuiti, Morrinsville, Kirikiriroa, Ngauwahia, Taumarunui, Matata, Taneatua, Patutahi, Hangaroa, Nuhaka, Wairoa, Greenmeadows, Hastings, Onga Onga, Rahotu,