

hanga, Ohakune, Raetihi, Wanganui, Martinborough, Takaka, Methven, Balclutha, and Wyndham, and also covers additions and alterations to buildings at other places.

Gaols.—Last year's expenditure was principally in connection with new gaols at Invercargill, Auckland, and Gisborne.

The proposed vote includes further provision on account of the buildings mentioned, and also the purchase of land for a reformatory farm, &c.

Police-stations.—A very large number of police-stations were dealt with during the year, the principal being Wellsford, Mount Albert, Grey Lynn, Eden Terrace, Parnell, Morrinsville, Frankton, Te Kuiti, Te Puke, Napier, Waverley, Taihape, Otaki, Johnsonville, Wellington (Mount Cook), Wellington South, Rangiora, New Brighton, Riccarton, Timaru, and South Invercargill.

For the current year provision is made for increased accommodation at Waipu, Herekino, Maungaturoto, Warkworth, Northcote, Takapuna, Devonport, Kingsland, Freeman's Bay, Mount Roskill, Mount Eden, Ponsonby, Epsom, Howick, Huntly, Ngaruawahia, Thames, Tokaanu, Otorohanga, Taumarunui, Tokomaru Bay, Gisborne, Patutahi, Mohaka, Hastings, Porangahau, Whangamomona, Wanganui, Masterton, Wellington, Island Bay, Kilbirnie, Eastbourne, Brooklyn, Wakefield, Murchison, Charleston, Cobden, Ross, Islington, Ashburton, Temuka, Waitati, Dunedin, Mornington, North-east Valley, Middlemarch, Matura, Tapanui, Nightcaps, and sundry other places.

POST AND TELEGRAPH.

The business of the Post and Telegraph Department is increasing very rapidly, and to provide the necessary facilities to enable the work to be overtaken an extensive building programme has been and still is necessary. During the last financial year very extensive and handsome buildings have been in course of erection at Auckland and Wellington, which have entailed considerable expenditure; and smaller new offices have been erected or extensive additions provided at Kaeo, Warkworth, Kingsland, Ellerslie, Kirikiriroa, Te Awamutu, Te Aroha, Ongarue, Taupo, Matata, Taneatua, Manutuke, Wairoa, Taradale, Tikokino, Rahotu, Eltham, Manaia, Wanganui, Rangiwhia, Shannon, Hutt, Porirua, Wellington (Tinakori Road), Wellington (Adelaide Road), Kilbirnie, Murchison, Granity, Westport, Runanga, Culverden, Amberley, Leeston, Rakaia, Waimate, Green Island, Balclutha, Kaitangata, and Riverton, while work of less magnitude has also been carried out at numerous other places.

The vote for the current year provides for new buildings or extensive additions at Awanui, Kaitaia, Kaikohe, Kawakawa, Hikurangi, Dargaville, Mangawai, Northcote, Takapuna, Auckland (Wellesley Street), Mount Albert, Ponsonby, Newton, Remuera, Otahuhu, Manurewa, Papakura, Waiuku, Tuakau, Hamilton, Raglan, Ohaupo, Awakino, Waihou, Matamata, Tirau, Putaruru, Rotorua, Taumarunui, Ohura, Kakahi, Owango, Raurimu, Tokaanu, Opotiki, Napier, Clive, Havelock North, Pukehou, Otane, Waipukurau, Ormondville, Whangamomona, Okaiawa, St. John's, Halcombe, Pongaroa, Eketahuna, Petone, Kaiwarra, Brooklyn, Seddon, Wakapuaka, Port Nelson, Takaka, Millerton, Reefton, Waiuta, Woodend, Papanui, Christchurch (Avon Road), Sydenham, Upper Riccarton, Sumner, Lyttelton, Tai Tapu, Akaroa, Little River, Timaru, Pleasant Point, Ravensbourne, North-east Valley, Dunedin, South Dunedin, Anderson's Bay, Hawea Flat, Roxburgh, Arrowtown, Matura, Balfour, Bluff, Otautau, and Orepuki Post-offices, besides the completion of the new buildings at Auckland and Wellington, and a large new bulk store in Wellington.

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

At Auckland shelter-sheds have been erected in the male and female airing-courts, and a pavilion on the bowling-green. Plans for additions for seventy-five patients near the main building are now being prepared. Alterations at the old quarantine-station on Motuihi Island are being made for the temporary accommodation of sixty males and thirty females, pending the erection of the permanent buildings at Auckland. Compensation has been paid for the Native land taken at Tokanui, and a contract for the permanent buildings for the accommodation of patients has been let, and a building for fifty patients is under way. The land is being fenced and brought into cultivation, and cottages are being erected for attendants. A pressure water-supply is being provided.