

At Seacliff the exercise-enclosure for male patients has been enlarged and improved, and an additional one has been started to separate patients whose manners are more objectionable. On the women's side, a second exercise-ground has been marked off in connection with a new building for disturbed cases. This building will be erected in two parts, the sleeping-accommodation first, into part of which will be emptied a large dormitory, and the dormitory will be converted into a day-room, as was done on the male side so successfully. Thereafter a day-room should be added to the new building, which will then become self-contained for 50 patients. The reception-cottage for suitable women patients has worked excellently, and the time has arrived to build one at some distance from the main building for 10 men, and free the library ward. A beautiful site has been chosen, and the sketch-plan made. There have been unforeseen delays in getting in the new water-supply, the contract should have been completed about a year ago.

At Waitati should be added another building for about 70 patients.

At Nelson some structural alterations are necessary, and a new kitchen.

At Hokitika additional accommodation for attendants has been provided.

Farming Operations.

It is always satisfactory to have our farms assisting to maintain the patients; but still more satisfactory is the knowledge of the large number employed in this primitive and best of occupations. It was genuine insight on the part of the author which brought *Candide*, after direful adventures, to peace and contentment in the cultivation of his garden.

During the year under review the farms have been most successful, as may be noted in the following summary of expenditure and receipts:—

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries and wages	3,242	18	2	By Cash sales of produce, &c. .. .	6,173	0	8
Feed	2,823	17	11	Value of produce grown on farms and			
Seeds, &c., manures	868	14	3	consumed in the mental hospitals..	14,071	11	10
Implements, harness, repairs, &c. .. .	419	11	6				
Stock	499	15	3				
Rents, rates, &c.	977	18	5				
Fencing, roading, &c.	177	17	10				
Harvesting, threshing, &c.	169	12	7				
Railages	113	5	6				
Buildings	35	17	2				
Sundries	398	3	4				
Balance	10,517	0	7				
	<u>£20,244</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>				
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The value of the produce consumed is shown at wholesale prices ruling in the district. Compared with the previous year the cash sales were £728 18s. 11d. better, and the value of produce consumed increased by £1,869 14s. 11d., a total increase of £2,598 13s. 10d. The expenditure on individual farms is shown hereunder:—

	Mental Hospitals.						Total.
	Auckland.	Christchurch.	Seacliff.	Hokitika.	Nelson.	Porirua.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries and wages	250 0 0	510 0 0	1,791 19 8	97 18 6	195 0 0	398 0 0	3,242 18 2
Feed	197 19 11	303 18 3	1,009 3 6	28 16 6	54 12 3	1,229 7 6	2,823 17 11
Seeds, &c., manures	138 0 6	135 8 5	316 5 10	26 4 6	31 9 4	221 5 8	868 14 3
Implements, harness, repairs, &c. .. .	38 17 3	60 17 1	244 3 2	12 3 0	21 19 0	41 12 0	419 11 6
Stock	99 6 0	105 17 0	130 2 9	32 10 0	22 14 0	109 5 6	499 15 3
Rent, rates, &c.	..	431 11 3	300 3 2	..	..	246 4 0	977 18 5
Fencing, roading, &c.	1 9 0	100 17 7	18 14 3	..	9 1 8	47 15 4	177 17 10
Harvesting, threshing, &c.	..	43 0 0	101 9 11	..	25 2 8	..	169 12 7
Railage	1 13 0	..	103 19 6	..	1 7 6	6 5 6	113 5 6
Buildings	..	35 17 2	..	..	..	..	35 17 2
Sundries	37 19 6	158 12 5	191 10 6	..	3 15 11	6 5 0	398 3 4
Totals	765 5 2	1,885 19 2	4,207 12 3	197 12 6	365 2 4	2,306 0 6	9,727 11 11

The statement of receipts is extended in the following table:—

Mental Hospital.	Produce sold for Cash.	Value of Produce consumed.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	1,029 15 2	2,687 0 0	3,716 15 2
Christchurch	1,832 19 10	3,285 13 2	5,118 13 0
Seacliff	2,012 16 4	4,513 12 2	6,526 8 6
Hokitika	..	332 15 6	332 15 6
Nelson	250 9 7	925 2 4	1,175 11 11
Porirua	1,046 19 9	2,327 8 8	3,374 8 5
Total	6,173 0 8	14,071 11 10	20,244 12 6