

POLICE-STATIONS.

- Birkenhead*.—Additions and improvements were carried out during the year.
Hamilton.—Tenders are in for the erection of a suitable station.
Huntly.—The erection of a station was completed under contract.
Kingsland.—Alterations to a recently purchased building were carried out.
Ngaruawahia.—A contract was let for the erection of a wooden building.
Papakura.—The erection of a building under contract was completed.
Takapuna.—The erection of a lock-up and stable is in hand.
Patutahi.—A residence with office was erected under contract.
Tokomaru Bay.—The erection of a station and residence by day labour is in hand.
Opotiki.—The old Courthouse is being converted into a police residence.
Porangahau.—The erection of a station was duly completed under contract.
Tokaanu.—A wooden station was erected under contract.
Taihape.—Extensive additions and alterations were made, and drainage and water services installed.
Waitotara.—An addition, in wood, was made during the year.
Kilbirnie.—A new office, in wood, is being erected.
Masterton.—A station and residence were completed under contract.
Wellington.—Plans for a new central station were prepared, but the invitation of tenders for its erection has been deferred.
Coalgate.—A contract was let for the erection of a new building.
Dunedin.—Alterations and improvements to the central station were carried out during the year.
Balclutha.—Additions, in brick, have been completed.
Kaitangata.—A constable's residence is being erected under contract.
Tapanui.—A new constable's residence has been completed.
Mataura.—A new station, in wood, has been erected.

PRISONS.

- Auckland*.—The erection of a new wing, in stone, by prison labour was commenced and is now in progress.
Waikeria.—Plans were prepared for a reformatory prison on a large scale, and the erection of the buildings commenced, at Waikeria, in the Waikato district. Prison labour is being utilized, and the principal building-material is a concrete block made on the site. The portion now being erected consists of an administrative wing, in front, comprising the necessary offices, warders' accommodation, library, and chapel; a kitchen wing, comprising laundry, workshops, and baths. A prison block, comprising eighty-two cells, comes between and joins the wings. Provision is made for adding another story to the prison block if it is required.
Pictou.—A contract has been let for the erection of a police-gaol.
Invercargill.—A second cottage was built and foundations for an extension put in by prison labour, with concrete blocks made in the gaol.

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

- Avondale*.—Auxiliary buildings Nos. 2 and 3, in brick, have been in course of erection under separate contracts during the year. No. 2 is practically finished and No. 3 is well advanced.
Tokanui.—Plans have been prepared for a new wing adjoining that already built, and erection will be commenced immediately. The installation of an electric-lighting plant under contract is practically completed.
Porirua.—A contract was let for additions, in brick, to day-rooms on the north front, and the work is in progress. Plans are in preparation for a reception and hospital block to be erected on the east side of the road leading to the main building.
Sunnyside.—Plans are being prepared for an auxiliary to be erected on a site on the north front of the existing institution. The new building will be used as a reception and hospital block. It will be of one story, of wood, with brick fire-retarding partitions at intervals. Plans are prepared for a Nurses' Home, in wood, plastered within and without. Restoration of portion of the wing destroyed by fire is being carried out.
Seacliff.—More accommodation is being provided in the female wing by the addition of a block, in brick, to contain sixty-five beds. A reception cottage to accommodate fifteen male patients is being erected in brick and wood.

DEFENCE BUILDINGS.

- Whangarei*.—Extensive additions to the drill-shed were made under contract.
Takapuna.—Artillery stables and quarters were completed under contract.
Hamilton.—Artillery stables and quarters were completed under contract.
Huntly.—A drill-shed was completed under contract.
Cambridge.—A contract was let for the erection of a drill-shed.
Opotiki.—The erection of a drill-hall is in progress.
Napier.—Artillery stables and drill-hall were completed under contract.
Wellington.—Various minor alterations and repair works have been carried out at headquarters, drill-hall, and Storekeeper's residence.