

resultant benefit from its use as compared with a hydrant we were forced to greatly curtail the use of the latter, on account of the serious interference with the water-pressure at the bath-pumps caused by the continuous use of the hydrant.

At Ohinemutu two new roads were formed—viz., Tunohopo and Ariariterangi Streets, a total length of 10 chains.

At Whakarewarewa, as indicated in last report, we have experienced considerable difficulty in maintaining the roads within the village, on account of subsidences due to the thermal activity. The main road to the Spout Bath is especially troublesome.

FIRE-PREVENTION.

The station and firebell tower was completed and formally taken over in June, 1913. The personnel of the Fire Board has been partially changed through the departure from the district of Messrs. J. R. Raw and W. R. Blow. These gentlemen have been replaced by Messrs. D. Gardner (elected Chairman) and F. Goodson respectively.

The Board's levy on the Town Account for the current year was £184 5s. 6d., to meet which a rate of 3d. per pound was struck on the value of improvements.

HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID.

The levy made on the Town Account by the Waikato Hospital and Charitable Aid Board for year ending 31st March, 1913, amounted to £187 19s. 1d., which was met by a rate of 16d. per pound struck on the capital value.

PROGRESS OF THE TOWN.

During the year forty-four permits were issued, for new buildings and alterations of existing ones, of a total value of £10,615. The total rateable (capital) value of the town is £482,430.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, ROTORUA TOWN ACCOUNT, 1902-14.

The revenue amounted to £4,526, as against £4,334 for the previous year, and the expenditure amounted to £4,488, as against £4,694. Full details of the work carried out are given in the attached report of the Resident Officer, and the following tables give the detailed revenue and expenditure of the town since its incorporation:—

Revenue.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Crown rents ..	1,198	2,016	1,940	1,976	1,870	1,618	2,277	1,945	1,883	1,748	1,944	1,699	1,811
Bath fees ..	474	869	1,269	1,442	1,203	1,324	1,294	1,492	1,719	1,519	1,325	1,227	1,314
Nightsoil fees ..	279	374	411	512	517	513	950	590	379	415	354	339	343
Publicans' licenses ..	168	169	165	184	186	189	182	189	186	188	186	186	201
General licenses ..	38	93	81	124	169	128	189	203	141	169	189	207	212
Library fees ..	21	23	34	70	62	58	81	85	81	123	114	117	102
Pound fees ..	29	28	31	77	39	47	50	78	50	75	80	80	93
Dog-registration ..	14	14	22	47	36	29	34	22	32	29	52	41	47
Contributions to works ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	43	182	26	180	113
Hospital Account ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	99	7	2	2
Sundries ..	15	34	22	15	25	57	93	121	130	131	235	256	288
Total revenue ..	2,236	3,620	3,975	4,447	4,107	3,963	5,150	4,756	4,644	4,678	4,512	4,334	4,526

The expenditure was as follows:—

Expenditure.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Works ..	1,160	2,797	2,710	3,195	3,429	2,723	4,240	2,538	2,708	3,171	2,957	3,466	3,349
Nightsoil ..	269	363	314	412	394	417	485	462	394	375	356	380	289
Fire-prevention ..	..	..	39	153	4	151	154	117	102	72	79	27	..
Isolation Hospital, main- tenance ..	..	..	56	46	17	38	92	356	211	141	35	38	..
Licensing expenses ..	11	15	39	20	17	37	22	..	98	23	25	21	23
Library ..	13	26	104	62	50	170	110	151	112	115	114	113	109
Pound ..	..	..	..	..	5	..	24	30	26	24	27	61	50
Street-lighting ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	158	158	158	144	170
Insurance ..	..	13	19	20	20	18	23	51	35	30	32	39	42
Salaries ..	192	334	337	335	374	334	337	328	427	458	336	264	300
Office expenses ..	52	55	47	102	64	170	157	122	64	62	24	47	28
Sundries ..	105	104	43	102	126	70	189	58	39	19	166	94	128
Total expenditure	1,802	3,707	3,708	4,447	4,500	4,128	5,833	4,249	4,374	4,648	4,309	4,694	4,488