

COURTHOUSES.

Russell.—The whole of this building was painted inside and out. New fences were erected and several repairs effected.

Whangarei.—Electric light was installed at this office, and several other small repairs were carried out.

Supreme Court, Auckland.—A new fence with concrete posts and wrought-iron railings has been erected on the northern frontage of the Supreme Court Buildings.

Hamilton Courthouse.—The whole of the plaster walls and ceilings throughout this building have been repaired and painted.

Kawhia Courthouse.—General repairs have been carried out to the interior, and the whole of the exterior, including roof, has been painted.

Thames.—Sanitary accommodation has been provided.

Supreme Court, Wellington.—Repairs were effected to the roof, downpipes, sanitary fittings, and to the electric bells, lights, and telephones throughout the building. The entrance, passages to the cells, and portions of the custodian's quarters were painted.

Magistrate's Court, Wellington.—Extensive alterations were effected to that portion of the building previously occupied by the Police Headquarters to fit it for use by Government Departments.

Woodville. The building was painted and repaired, and damage caused by fire was repaired.

Greytown.—The drainage system was installed by contract. Repairs were effected to the building and fences.

GAOLS.

Waikeria Reformatory Administration Block.—This building, which is of concrete blocks made by prison labour, is now practically complete.

No. 1 Camp Building.—A camp has been established at the north end of the farm, consisting of seven huts to accommodate twenty men and two officers. A temporary kitchen and bathroom has also been provided. A water-supply has been obtained for this camp by sinking a well 56 ft. deep and lining it with 3 ft. concrete pipes.

Gisborne Gaol.—Concrete wall practically completed. Warder's cottage renovated, repainted, and additions added. Electric light installed. Various maintenance-works carried out.

Terrace Gaol.—A new 1 in. gas-supply was installed in Gaoler's house and matron's quarters. A renewal of the sanitary fittings was effected in the male and female quarters. Repairs were effected to the "Ideal" hot-water boilers.

Addington.—Fire-extinguishers were installed, and general repairs to the electric-light system were carried out.

Templeton.—The erection of the west cell-range was completed, and the plastering of the interior is proceeding. The excavations for the east cell-range and kitchen block were completed, and both buildings are now in course of erection. The plastering of the cottage is proceeding. A septic tank was constructed. The temporary buildings were wired for lighting.

POLICE-STATIONS.

Aralapu.—Painting, papering, and renovations were effected.

Dargaville.—A new water service and new bath were installed.

Hohoua.—A new police-station and outbuildings were completed.

Kaitia.—Wire entanglements were erected at this office, and repairs were effected to fence.

Whangarei.—The sergeant's residence, constable's residence, and the lock-up, together with all outbuildings, were painted. Electric light was installed, new range put in constable's quarters, and fire appliances were installed.

Newmarket.—The interior of residence and office have been renovated, and all exterior woodwork painted.

Pukekohe Police-station.—The whole of the interior of the sergeant's residence has been papered and painted and generally renovated. Electric lighting has been installed throughout the building.

Hamilton.—Owing to evidence of the borer it was found necessary to renew the under-timbers throughout the building and veranda, and new flooring and weather-boards were put in where affected.

Thames.—Extensive alterations and additions to building have been carried out, comprising the erection of a new bathroom and complete hot-water service, fire-escapes, new porch and partition, repairs to roof-spouting, scrimming and papering new partitions, and painting of roof, and all external and internal new woodwork.

Wairoa.—New residence erected and completed. Three additional tanks erected.

Gisborne.—Padded cell fitted up, and various maintenance-works carried out.

Johnsonville.—Drainage system and gas service were installed.

Wellington South.—Cast-iron enamel bath was fixed, two rooms were papered, and repairs were effected to the guttering and sanitary fittings.

Lincoln.—A contract was let and completed for repairs and renovations to this building.

Rangiora.—General repairs and drainage-work were done by contract.

Southbridge.—Extensive repairs and renovations were carried out at this building under contract.

Oamaru.—The contract let in October, 1917, for a new police-station is still in hand.

Invercargill.—Contract let for installing electric light is in hand.

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

Tokanui Mental Hospital: Unit No. 5.—The construction of this unit was started at the beginning of the year and is now practically completed. The building, which is of wood, comprises two large dormitories and one small one, also large day-room with double fireplace in the centre. Adjacent to