

inquirers to be used for lecturing purposes, and also to the lectures given in America by many New-Zealanders who have been supplied with the necessary material from here.

One of the most important events during the year was the completion of the work of laying pipes from Whakarewarewa and bringing a new supply of Rachel water to our Rotorua baths. This has satisfied a long-felt want in the water-supply. Approximately 500,000 gallons of water per day can be drawn from this source, and is already being used in the old pavilion baths and the main swimming-pools, thereby conserving the Rachel Spring in the grounds for the main bath building, and incidentally maintaining an efficient service for Aix massage treatments.

A fact to which attention may be drawn is the success which has attended the planting, near the new tennis-courts, of a collection of New Zealand native trees and plants. The collection, which is a most interesting one, is too large to be given in detail in this report, but includes kauri, totara, pohutukawa, several forms of hoheria, veronica, olearia, coprosma, cordylina. It is also proposed, if possible, to establish a comprehensive collection of New Zealand ferns in another part of the gardens.

The net expenditure for the year was £93,720, against £68,858 net for the previous year, an increase of £24,835, due, as in the previous season, to the increased cost of supplies and the necessity of keeping the reputation of the hostels up to their previous standard.

SCHEDULE SHOWING FINANCIAL POSITION AT MAIN RESORTS.

Resort.	Year 1920-21.				Year 1919-20.			
	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Excess of Expenditure over Receipts.	Excess of Receipts over Expenditure.	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Excess of Expenditure over Receipts.	Excess of Receipts over Expenditure.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Te Aroha	2,029	4,230	2,201	..	1,798	3,281	1,483	..
Rotorua	21,831	41,269	19,438	..	19,245	26,435	7,190	..
Rotorua Acclimatization District	1,145	1,605	460	..	1,065	1,043	..	22
Waitomo Caves	7,528	5,237	..	2,291	6,699	3,886	..	2,813
Lake House, Waikaremoana	1,491	1,559	68	..	..	..	..	..
Hammer Springs	2,533	5,364	2,831	..	2,327	5,029	2,779	..
Hermitage, Mount Cook	6,596	8,010	1,414	..	5,912	5,918	6	..
Te Anau and Manapouri steamers, Glade House, and Milford Track	3,926	5,384	1,458	..	1,978	2,621	643	..
Queenstown	251	1,009	758	..	179	627	448	..

NOTE.—No allowance is made in these figures for interest on capital expenditure or for depreciation of plant or buildings.

Return of Receipts.

The following table shows the receipts of the Department from all sources from 1915-16 :—

	1915-16.	1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts	31,067	33,137	32,935	33,689	42,218	51,038

The amount of the passenger-bookings at the different agencies shows an increase of £16,412 over the figures for the year ended March, 1920.

Return of Expenditure.

The following is a comparison of the expenditure for the past six years :—

	1915-16.	1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Consolidated Fund	47,966	45,785	48,732	53,656	68,858	93,720
Public Works Fund	5,167	1,094	967	1,620	6,194	19,041

The following is a summary of the work of the Department in the different resorts under its control :—

ROTORUA.

Tourist Season.—The season was well up to that of last year, which was a record. It is pleasant to be able to record that the value of tickets sold in the course of passenger-booking in this office shows an advance of over £930 as compared with last season's figures.

Buildings.—Beyond the usual maintenance, the only outstanding work has been the building of an additional room to the upper story of the Balneologist's residence, and the interior renovation in the matter of painting and repairing, and the painting of the exterior of the same building.

Gardens and Reserves.—These have had the usual attention; and despite the prevalence of wet weather at the commencement, and the dry weather at the end, of the year, the floral display in the