

COURTHOUSES, ETC.

A new Courthouse has been erected at Whakatane, and a new Courthouse is being erected in brick at Balclutha. Alterations, renovations, and repairs have been carried out to about fifty Courthouses throughout the Dominion.

POLICE-STATIONS AND GAOLS.

Whangarei District.—Renovations and repairs were carried out to four police-stations, and a new building completed at Rawene.

Auckland District.—General maintenance work has been carried out to Mount Eden Gaol and Waikeria Reformatory. New police-stations have been erected at Kawhia and Mercer, and one is in course of erection at Morrinsville. Additions, repairs, and renovations have been carried out to forty-one stations.

Taumarunui District.—Renovations were carried out to police-stations as required.

Tauranga District.—Renovations and repairs were carried out to three police-stations.

Gisborne District.—Renovations were carried out to six police-stations.

Stratford District.—A new residence was erected at Rahotu, and renovations and general maintenance carried out to seventeen police-stations.

Napier District.—Renovations and repairs were carried out to fifteen police-stations.

Wellington District.—A new police residence and office in brick has been erected at Foxton. Additions and alterations are being carried out to the prison at Watts Peninsula (between Point Halswell and Miramar). Two new ranges of cells are nearing completion, and an extensive reinforced-concrete boundary-wall is being built. The work is being carried out principally by prison labour under the direction of this Department.

Nelson District.—Repairs, &c., were carried out to twelve police-stations; a new brick building at Port Nelson has been completed.

Christchurch District.—New station and quarters were erected at Leeston, and renovations and repairs carried out to eleven stations. At Paparua Prison the eastern range of cells has been practically completed, and the administrative block is in the course of erection. Exercise-yards, drainage, water-supply, and roading have been carried out, as well as general maintenance and repairs. Concrete blocks have been manufactured extensively for the administrative block, and a large area of ground has been planted in trees.

Greymouth District.—Repairs and renovations were carried out to twelve police-stations.

Dunedin District.—Repairs and renovations were carried out to thirty-three police-stations, and to the Borstal Institute, Invercargill, where a cottage has been built, a bathhouse is in the course of erection, and water-supply and sewerage have been installed as required.

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

Avondale.—Extensive alterations, painting, renovations, and repairs have been carried out, and electric light installed throughout.

Tokanui.—New administration block, stores, &c., have been completed, and the female admission block is nearing completion. A new water-supply main has been laid to the institution, and extensive alterations and repairs made as required.

Porirua.—Two large day-rooms, lavatory accommodation, large verandas, and sun-rooms in brick and concrete have been added to the main building. Five complete villa blocks, each to accommodate thirty-four patients, are in course of erection, in accordance with the Department's new policy, two being completed. A wooden building to accommodate eleven workmen, and a block containing a kitchen, kitchen offices, and dining-room, have been erected during the year.

Nelson.—Good progress is being made with the erection of a "closed villa" (two-story) in brick and concrete, at Stoke. General maintenance, drainage, &c., has been carried out. A large new store has been built at Nelson, electric light installed, extensive alterations and renovations carried out, and furniture supplied.

Sunnyside.—New quarters for male attendants have been completed. General maintenance works have been carried out, and the brickwork for the latrine block completed on up-to-date lines. Owing to the existing buildings having become obsolete, this institution requires rebuilding.

Hokitika.—Unit No. 1 of the new scheme is completed. Furniture and fittings are being made in the hospital workshops. The attendants' quarters have been moved to a new site, and renovated. The Medical Superintendent's house and the night nurses' cottage are completed.

Seacliff.—No new buildings have been erected, but a large amount of general maintenance work has been carried out.

EDUCATION.

New teachers' residences are being erected at Waikeri and Karakanui.

Whangarei District.—Renovations, alterations, and repairs were carried out to ten Native schools. Good progress is being made with the erection of a new high school in brick and concrete at Whangarei. The plans provide for what will be a very extensive two-story building when eventually completed, but only a portion, comprising ten class-rooms, &c., is being built at present.

Auckland District.—Maintenance work, &c., has been carried out to Ponsonby Receiving Home, Auckland Seddon Technical College, and Hamilton High School; additions are being made to Thames High School. A Native school and residence are in course of erection at Makomako, and renovations and repairs were carried out to five Native schools.

Tauranga District.—Renovations and repairs were carried out to five Native schools, and a school and residence are being erected at Huiarau.

Gisborne District.—New Native schools have been erected at Whakawhitira and Tokamaru Bay. Renovations were carried out to four schools. A large addition, in brick and concrete, consisting of eight class-rooms, is being made to the Gisborne High School, and renovations to the main building have been completed.