

Stratford District.—A new music-room was erected at New Plymouth Boys' High School, and extensive repairs made here and at Wanganui Technical School. Repairs and renovations were carried out to several other schools.

Napier District.—Repairs were carried out to the Greenmeadows Receiving Home, and two Native schools. A technical high school is in course of erection at Hastings. It consists of a two-story administration block, with class-rooms, laboratories, cloakroom, and lavatory accommodation in two wings, connected to the main building by covered ways; the whole of the buildings being of brick and concrete.

Wellington District.—A contract has been let and work started on a new high school for Hutt Valley. The completed building, of which only a portion is being built at present, will consist of a central block, containing administration rooms, library, and class-rooms, and two wings, containing class-rooms, laboratories, &c. The whole building will be two stories high, and is being built in brick and concrete. Two class-rooms and corridors, in brick, have been added to Palmerston North Boys' High School, and improvements affected to the ventilation of existing building. A caretaker's cottage has been built at Wairarapa High School.

Christchurch District.—Alterations and improvements have been carried out at Timaru Girls' High School, and additional class-rooms, with verandas and corridors, are being built in brick at Timaru Boys' High School.

Dunedin District.—Good progress has been made with the Southland Boys' High School, the work being practically completed. Fittings and furniture are being installed. Renovations, drainage, &c., have been carried out at Anderson's Bay Probation Home and Otekaike Special School.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Auckland District.—Fittings have been supplied for the St. Helens Hospital, Auckland, and renovations carried out there and at Motuihi Quarantine Station.

Rotorua.—Alterations are being made at King George V Hospital in preparation for the new steam-laundry, machinery for which has been ordered.

Gisborne.—Extensive additions in brick are being carried out to St. Helens Hospital, and are nearing completion.

Stratford District.—Extensive alterations and renovations were carried out at St. Helens Hospital, Wanganui.

Napier District.—A contract has been let for extensive additions and alterations at Pukeora Sanatorium, and general maintenance and repairs have been carried out during the year. A new incinerator was built. At Waipukurau Hospital a new Nurses' Home, in brick, is in course of erection. The building will provide complete accommodation for thirty nurses.

Wellington.—An addition to the Nurses' Home was erected at Otaki Sanatorium.

Christchurch District.—A large new hospital for women is in course of erection, in reinforced concrete, at Hanmer, and a residence for the Medical Superintendent has been completed. Additions, repairs, and maintenance have been carried out to St. Helens Hospital, Christchurch. Two cottages are being erected at Ashburton Hospital.

Greymouth District.—An extension of the male ward, in brick, is in course of erection, and a contract has been let for a laundry at Grey River Hospital, Greymouth.

Dunedin District.—Renovations were carried out to St. Helen's Hospital, Dunedin. General maintenance and repairs were carried out to buildings as required. Alterations and repairs were carried out at St. Helens Hospital, Invercargill.

DEFENCE DEPARTMENT.

Whangarei District.—Various works were carried out to rifle range and drill-hall at Whangarei.

Auckland District.—Repairs, alterations, and renovations were carried out to eight drill-halls, and to buildings at five forts. Repairs and renovations were carried out at Narrow Neck Camp and several depots.

Tauranga District.—Repairs were carried out at Rotorua and Tauranga.

Napier District.—Renovations and repairs were carried out at three drill-halls at Napier Artillery Barracks, and at Roy's Hill rifle range.

Nelson District.—Renovations and repairs were carried out to several drill-halls, and rifle ranges at Nelson, Stoke, and Blenheim.

Christchurch District.—At Burnham Camp three staff cottages have been built; a large concrete ammunition-store and a 15,000-gallon reinforced water-tower are in course of erection. Various buildings have been renovated and repaired, and improvements made to drainage, septic tank, &c. Renovations and repairs were carried out to eleven drill-halls, rifle ranges, &c.

Greymouth District.—A large addition has been made to Greymouth Drill-hall, and repairs and renovations carried out to Westport and Reefton Drill-halls.

Dunedin District.—Renovations and repairs were carried out at six drill-halls.

GENERAL.

Various works, alterations, repairs, &c., were carried out in a large number of offices for different Departments, including Defence, Public Trust, Marine, Tourist, Valuation, Agriculture, Customs, Electoral, Internal Affairs, Government Life, State Fire, and Mines; also to Ministerial residences.

A large quantity of furniture and fittings was made, and supplied to various offices.

In conclusion, I again desire to place on record my appreciation of the efficient and loyal manner in which the members of the staff have carried out their duties.

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