

an area of 84,600 square feet of space—51,000 square feet in No. 5 building, 7,200 square feet in No. 2 building, and 26,400 square feet in No. 7 building. An area of three-quarters of an acre outside No. 5 building was also occupied by plots laid down by the Departments of Agriculture and Forestry for the practical demonstrations of their functions in the field.

It is very gratifying to be able to report that the displays made by the Government have been commented upon most favourably. The general success achieved is due to the willing co-operation of the Departments, and to the energy and skill of the many officers concerned.

The varied activities of the Public Works Department were attractively portrayed by working models of railways under construction, of hydro-electric installations, and of irrigation schemes now in course of preparation. The Department of Agriculture, in a space of 5,000 ft., and in half an acre at the rear of the Government Pavilion, provided excellent educative exhibits of the work carried out by the several Divisions of the Department, in respect of dairy-produce, grain and seeds, wool, honey, fruit, and other products. The agricultural plots prepared by the Fields Division were a unique exhibit, and were said to constitute a display never before attempted anywhere in the world. The Court of Education, housed in No. 7 building, exhibited in a practical manner the technical work that is being done by the pupils in all schools, and gave wide information on all aspects of education in the Dominion. The exhibit of the State Forest Service was designed to show up in bold relief the outstanding features of the forestry situation of the Dominion, and by means of diagrams and actual specimens to depict the effort that this Department is making for the conservation and development of New Zealand's timber resources. The Health Department presented in an interesting and educative way the work of this Department for the public welfare. An outstanding feature of this exhibit was a comprehensive display from Wembley, loaned by the Ministry of Health, London. The Post and Telegraph Department's exhibit featured a complete model post and telegraph office, open to the public view, which actually rendered the full postal and telegraphic services required by all the exhibitors at and visitors to the Exhibition. The display made by the Railway Department was housed in two buildings. No. 5 building held the advertising, signalling, and permanent-way sections and booking-office, where excellent facilities for visitors were fully appreciated and availed of. In No. 2 building there was shown rolling-stock comprising the latest type of sleeping-car and locomotive. The Tourist Department's exhibit formed a very attractive entrance to the main Government Pavilion. A special feature of the Publicity Section was a cinema-theatre, where over 400,000 people witnessed films depicting the wonderful scenic features of this Dominion. The Public Trust Department made an attractive exhibit in the secondary-industries building. Some excellent samples of work done by prisoners was shown in the Prison Department's Court, where working models also made an attractive and educational display of that Department's many and varied activities. The exhibits of the Defence Department and Navy Department were very popular and most interesting, the former including a fully equipped aeroplane and the latter a model of warships at sea in cruising formation. The Departments of Labour, Mines, Lands and Survey, Industries and Commerce, Census and Statistics, External Affairs, Government Printing, Samoan and Cook Islands, Dominion Museum, and Observatory also displayed their functions in an interesting and practical manner. No. 5 building also contained an attractive reception-room for the use of Ministers of the Crown and for the entertainment of distinguished visitors and the administrative offices.

As final accounts cannot be prepared for some considerable time, the actual cost of departmental participation cannot be definitely stated, but it is expected that the total net expenditure for all Departments and general administration will be approximately £31,000.

The Secretary of the Department of Industries and Commerce was appointed Commissioner of the Government Pavilion.

The Department also took an active interest in the organization, preparation, and arrangement of the exhibits that were made by the Provinces of Auckland, Wellington, and Canterbury. Assistance was also rendered to the Exhibition Company in its negotiations with other countries, this Department acting as intermediary between the New Zealand Government and the Governments of Great Britain, Canada, Australia, and Fiji, all of which made comprehensive and interesting displays.

At the Exhibition New Zealand manufacturers made a splendid show of the goods that are being produced in the Dominion, a space of 77,500 square feet being so occupied. The Courts erected and the artistic method of display adopted by the many firms represented reflect great credit on the secondary industries of the Dominion. The Department had a special office in this pavilion, and was closely associated with the manufacturers' associations responsible for the organization and administration of this section.

The Exhibition, which can justly be regarded as a great success, was closed, after a session of five and a half months, by the Prime Minister, the Right Hon. J. G. Coates, on the 1st May, 1925.

CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION.

The Government has decided to make a display at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, which is to be held this year during the fortnight from the 28th August to 12th September, 1926. The Canadian Exhibition authorities have allotted 17,000 square feet of space free of charge to the New Zealand Government. A good selection of exhibits has been collected by the Department, the opportunity arising from the closing of the New Zealand and South Seas Exhibition being fully availed of. Most of the exhibits have gone forward by the "Canadian Explorer," which sailed for Montreal on the 1st June.

For the New Zealand Section of this Exhibition Mr. Peter Barr, of Dunedin, has been appointed Commissioner, and Mr. J. W. Collins, Secretary of the Department of Industries and Commerce, Deputy Commissioner.