

DEFENCE DEPARTMENT.

Whangarei District.—Repairs have been carried out to the Dargaville rifle range.

Auckland District.—A new drill-hall has been erected on concrete base and foundations at Hamilton. A new store and offices have been erected at the Narrow Neck Field Artillery Barracks, Waikato Camp, Ngaruawahia. Ordnance Depot: This work was started at the end of last year, and is now complete, with exception of painting and plastering. Ordnance Offices: These have been erected, and are complete, with exception of external plastering. Quartermaster's Store has been erected, and is now complete. Cottage No. 4 has been completed, and cottages Nos. 1, 2, and 3 are now under construction. Magazines Nos. 6 and 7 are under construction. A fair amount of general maintenance-work has been carried out.

Gisborne District.—A contract has been let for re-covering roof and repairs.

Napier District.—General repairs and renovations have been carried out to the drill-halls at Dannevirke and Napier, and the Artillery Barracks, Napier.

Stratford District.—Repairs and renovations have been carried out to the New Plymouth Drill-hall.

Wellington District.—A five-roomed cottage was erected in concrete, winch-shed erected, and hauling plant installed at Fort Ballance. Extra storage accommodation provided at Carterton; offices, officers' mess, sergeants' mess, gun-park, and recreation-room were erected from buildings transferred from Featherston Camp, and hot- and cold-water shower-baths installed at Fort Dorset.

Nelson District.—General maintenance-work carried out to Defence buildings, Nelson.

Greymouth District.—Repairs and renovations have been carried out at Westport, Hokitika, and Greymouth Drill-halls.

Christchurch District.—Burnham Camp: Large corrugated galvanized building erected to serve as camp-equipment store. New deep-well pumping plant installed for general water-supply.

Dunedin District.—Repairs and renovations have been carried out to Kensington Drill-hall and Central Battery, St. Kilda. A target-shed was erected at the Invercargill rifle range, and general repairs effected to Defence buildings in district.

TOURIST DEPARTMENT.

Auckland District.—Helensville Hot Springs: New conveniences in concrete have been erected, and electric light installed in the Domain Grounds.

Taumarunui District.—Waitomo Caves: A contract has been let for extensive additions to the hostel and the erection of garage. Piggeries and poultry-house carried out. New men's quarters have been erected. General repairs and renovations have been carried out.

Nelson District.—Fittings and furniture have been supplied to the Tourist Department's office, Nelson.

Christchurch District.—Mount Cook Hermitage: Alternative fuel-burning plant installed to supply hot water to kitchen and bathroom services. Large reinforced-concrete water-tank erected to supplement the water-supply.

Dunedin District.—Queenstown Park: The erection of conveniences and septic tank completed. Sandfly Huts: Temporary accommodation has been erected. Glade House: Power plant for cutting of firewood supplied and installed. Te Anau Hostel: Additional drainage installed. Te Anau Slipway: Arrangements are in hand for the erection of a new slipway to accommodate the steamer at Lake Te Anau; preliminary work has been commenced.

GENERAL.

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

In concluding, I desire to place on record my appreciation of the co-operation of the district offices, and the efficient and loyal manner in which the members of the architectural staff carried out their duties.

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