

Stratford District.—An addition, in concrete, was made to Hawera Technical High School, and extensive additions are being made to Wanganui Technical College. At Parinui a new Native school and residence in wood have been erected, and at Otoko Pa a Native school has been erected.

Napier District.—The Napier Technical School was completed during the year: also a large new cooking-room and a dormitory for Dannevirke High School. An extra class-room was provided at Tongioio Native School, and repairs and maintenance carried out to four schools.

Wellington District.—A new Technical School workshops has been erected in concrete at Palmerston North. A large addition, consisting of seven class-rooms, headmaster's and clerk's rooms, has been made to the Hutt Valley High School. Two class-rooms have been added to Palmerston North Technical School and to Wairarapa High School, and various additions and repairs carried out to other schools as required.

Nelson District.—Repairs and renovations were carried out to several schools.

Christchurch District.—A new home-science and cookery room has been erected and fitted up at Timaru Girls' High School, and a chemical laboratory fitted up at the Timaru Boys' High School. At the Timaru Girls' Hostel the dining-room has been extended and a new dormitory, &c., erected.

Greymouth District.—A new two-storied hostel in wood has been erected at Greymouth. General repairs were carried out at Westport.

Dunedin District.—At Otekaieke a large dormitory block and assembly-hall have been erected, and extensive alterations and repairs carried out. Renovations, &c., have been carried out as required at various schools. At Invercargill Technical College a new home-science building in brick has been completed.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Auckland District.—The hot-water service was renewed at St. Helens Hospital and general maintenance-work carried out.

Gisborne District.—Minor repairs and maintenance were carried out at St. Helens Hospital, Gisborne.

Stratford District.—Extensive repairs and renovations have been carried out to St. Helens Hospital, Wanganui.

Wellington District.—Extensive alterations and renovations were carried out in the old library wing of Parliament Buildings, to provide new offices for the Department, and a store was fitted up in the Sydney Street offices. A new vaccine station in concrete and timber was erected in Wellington Hospital grounds. Repairs and renovations were carried out to St. Helens Hospital and to Otaki Sanatorium, and several farm buildings were erected at the latter place.

Nelson District.—Rooms were subdivided and renovated in the Education Board's building to provide accommodation for the Health Department.

Christchurch District.—At Queen Mary Hospital, Hammer, the old electric power-house has been dismantled and re-erected elsewhere as storerooms. The new boiler-house and coal-dump are nearing completion, and the extensive plant for the boiler-house, &c., is being assembled. A start has been made with the new Nurses' Home, a two-storey building in brick, concrete, and wood. This will accommodate upwards of sixty nurses. The stables have been removed and re-erected to make room for the Nurses' Home. Various maintenance works have been carried out.

Dunedin District.—Various repairs and renovations have been carried out to St. Helens Hospital at Dunedin and Invercargill.

HOSPITAL BOARDS.

Gisborne District.—A new hospital is in course of erection for the Matakaoa Hospital Board at Te Araroa.

Stratford District.—Repairs and renovations have been carried out at New Plymouth and Wanganui St. Helens Hospitals.

Napier District.—Extensive additions to the women's ward, and a new kitchen block, in brick and concrete, were completed for the Waipawa Hospital Board at Waipukurau; also a new administration block. At Hastings, the new Hawke's Bay Fallen Soldiers' Memorial Hospital and Nurses' Home, in brick and concrete, were completed. At Napier a brick disinfectant building, and the new special-services block, a three-storey structure in brick and concrete, were completed during the year. A large new ward in brick and concrete, known as the Coleman Ward, is nearing completion.

Wellington District.—The Wellington Hospital Board having purchased the old Bryant and May's match-factory, at the back of the main hospital buildings, requested this Department to convert the buildings into a laundry, boiler-house, &c. This very extensive work was completed during the year, the old building being entirely remodelled to form a laundry, kitchen block and stores, diet, and staff dining-rooms, &c. A new boiler-house, engine-room, coal-bunkers, &c., were erected in brick and reinforced concrete, and a reinforced concrete chimney-stack, 140 ft. high was built. The contract provides all the engineering services for the whole of the hospital, and comprises boilers and machinery for the supply of the hot-water, heating, and sterilizing services, complete laundry machinery, &c.

Nelson District.—A site-plan and sketch-plan were prepared for a new residence for the Medical Superintendent at Nelson Hospital.

Greymouth District.—Extensive alterations and additions were carried out at the Grey River Hospital, Greymouth, comprising additions in brick to two wards, and provision of laboratory, diet and laboratory kitchens, staff quarters, &c. Additions and renovations were carried out to a house for the Medical Superintendent. Plans, &c., were prepared and a contract let for a new administration block and additions to operating-room, &c.

Dunedin District.—A new Nurses' Home, a two-storey building in brick, has been completed at Gore for the Southland Hospital Board. Tenders were recently accepted for a porter's cottage and additions to the kitchen block at the same institution.