

Boiler-shop : The steelwork is completely erected for this building, and sarking is being laid on the roof. The construction of engine-pits in the erecting-bay is in hand.

Midway : 50 per cent. of the steelwork for the midway gantry is erected.

Tube-store : Steelwork complete.

Pattern shop : Steelwork erected and sarking fixed on roof.

Iron-rack : Steelwork complete.

Reclaim depot : Steelwork complete.

Subsidiary contracts have been let for the construction of small concrete structures, such as engine and wagon pits, concrete bins, oil-tank pits, &c., and for the building of Workshops Manager's office, dining-room, &c.

A contract for concrete flooring and machinery-foundations was let recently, and tenders for asphalt paving for roads and floors are under consideration.

The traverser-pit is completed.

The Workshops Manager's office is now completely erected, roofed and weatherboarded, and internal work is well advanced.

The dining-room, &c., foundations have been laid, and the erection of the timber framing is well forward.

Tenders for the erection of painting-sheds and for the building of a social hall will be invited shortly, and the letting of these contracts will see all parts of the work in hand.

Two floodlight-towers have been constructed. Foundations for a steel water-tower, 30,000 gallons capacity and 70 ft. head, have been completed, and erection of the tower will begin shortly.

All cranes for these shops are on order—viz., one 100-ton, one 25-ton, seven 10-ton, five 7½-ton, one 5-ton, and one 2-ton.

The traverser, 100 tons capacity, has just been landed.

The machinery position in percentages is as follows :—

		In New Zealand.	On Order.	Yet to Order.
Locomotive machine-shop	..	75	15	10
Erecting-shop ..	..	20	75	5
Boiler-shop ..	..	50	40	10
Foundry ..	..	20	50	30
Blacksmiths' shop	..	25	25	50
Reclaim-shop ..	..	60	30	10
Wagon-shop ..	..	50	25	25
Power-house ..	..	50	25	25

About 90 per cent. of the machinery on hand is temporarily erected in old shops.

Addington Shops.

Repair cars and carpenters' shop : The building is nearing completion. The following work remains to be carried out : Fitting of steel folding doors ; laying of bitumen and gravel coat on roof ; completion of internal painting ; completion of lavatories and offices. The floors-contractor has his work well in hand. The approximate dates for completion are as follows : Main structure, 14th April ; flooring, 24th March.

Wheels and bogies shop : The contractor is concentrating on this building, all the work being well in hand. The approximate dates for completion are as follows : Main structure, 14th April ; flooring, 14th April.

Woodmill : The steelwork is completely erected, and the construction will be further advanced immediately the first two shops mentioned above are completed.

Wood-wagons' shop : The assembling and erection of the steelwork has been commenced.

Reclaim depot : The erection of the steelwork is completed.

Light-plate structural shop : The erection of the steelwork is in hand.

Midway gantry : The work of assembling the columns is in hand.

Traverser-pit No. 2 : The traverser-pit will be completed before the end of the current month.

Coal-bins : The coal and coke bins are completed.

Tarpaulin-shop : Completed and in use.

Yard rearrangement : The rearrangement of sidings, with alterations and additions to the existing storm-water services, sewerage lay-out and water-services is all well in hand. The work is being carried out with a view to its completion by the time the main contracts are completed.

All cranes for these shops are on order—viz., five 10-ton, four 5-ton, two 2-ton.

The traverser, 50 tons capacity, has just been landed.

The machinery position in percentages is as follows :—

		In New Zealand.	On Order.	Yet to Order.
Wood-wagon shop	..	70	20	10
Machine-shop ..	..	85	5	10
Steel-wagon shop	..	70	20	10
Structural shop	..	60	20	20
Blacksmiths' shop	..	80	10	10
Car-repair shop	..	70	20	10
Mill ..	..	55	10	35
Reclaim-shop ..	..	70	20	10
Tarpaulin-shop	..	100	0	0
Power-house ..	..	90	0	10