

Nelson District.—A contract has been let for very extensive additions and alterations to Nelson Post-office, and work has just commenced. A petrol-tank has been installed. At Murchison a store and garage has been erected, while at Blenheim land has been acquired for a similar purpose.

Christchurch District.—A new post-office and telephone exchange have been erected and fitted up at Hinds. New post-offices are in course of erection at Shirley and Cust, the former being almost completed. Extensive alterations are being effected to Ashburton Post-office, and renovations, &c., were carried out to nine other offices.

Dunedin District.—A large garage and store has been erected at the telegraph-office, Dunedin. In connection with the proposed new chief post-office, extensive testing of the site has been made for foundation purposes, and the site has been enclosed by a hoarding. Portion of the very extensive excavation work was carried out by contract, and the balance is being done by day-labour. An order has been placed for approximately 1,500 wooden piles, which will be driven to consolidate the ground. Extensive alterations and additions have been made at Pembroke, and renovations, &c., carried out to forty-six offices.

Greymouth District.—Extensive additions in brick and concrete are being made to Greymouth Post-office. Repairs and renovations have been carried out to twelve post-offices.

COURTHOUSES.

Whangarei District.—A building has been acquired in Whangarei, altered and fitted up as a Courthouse, and furniture and fittings installed. Renovations, &c. have been carried out to three other buildings.

Auckland District.—Renovations and repairs have been carried out as required.

Gisborne District.—Fittings, &c., were provided and fixed at Gisborne Courthouse, and the electrical installation reconditioned.

Stratford District.—Repairs and renovations were carried out to a number of Courthouses.

Napier District.—Extensive alterations and additions have been made to Hastings Courthouse, and repairs and renovations carried out to other Courthouses as required.

Wellington District.—At Foxton a new Courthouse in brick and concrete has been erected and the old building removed. Renovations were carried out to a number of other buildings.

Christchurch District.—Repairs and renovations were carried out to three Courthouses.

Dunedin District.—Repairs and renovations have been carried out to eleven buildings.

Greymouth District.—Repairs have been carried out to five Courthouses.

POLICE-STATIONS AND GAOLS.

Whangarei District.—Repairs and renovations have been carried out to nine police-stations.

Auckland District.—At Auckland Central Station a contract was let for an additional story, together with structural alterations and a new lift, and the works are well advanced. A new building in wood has been erected at Mount Albert, and repairs and renovations carried out to ten police-stations. At Waikeria Borstal Institute additional accommodation at No. 1 camp has been provided and the Waikeria Stream bridge redecked. A new drainage system, with septic tank, is under construction.

Taumarunui District.—Renovations, &c., have been carried out at Te Kuiti and Ongarue.

Tauranga District.—Renovations, &c., have been carried out to five buildings.

Gisborne District.—Renovations, &c., were carried out to ten buildings.

Stratford District.—At Stratford and Normanby new buildings in wood were erected. Maintenance work was attended to as required.

Napier District.—A new police-station in brick has been erected at Hastings, and renovations carried out to eight buildings.

Wellington District.—Repairs and renovations have been carried out to fourteen stations. At Mount Crawford Prison all work in connection with the erection of the administration block was completed; a new workshop providing ample accommodation for the industrial activities of the prison, and also large store accommodation, were erected; four warder's cottages were erected and a fifth is in course of erection; the formation of the new access road has been practically completed and metalling commenced. At Wi Tako Prison, Trentham, water is being laid on from the Upper Hutt supply. Renovations, &c. have been carried out to the Women's Reformatory, Point Halswell.

Christchurch District.—A new police-station was completed at Sumner, and additions made to the station at Addington. Maintenance-work, &c., has been carried out as required to eight stations.

Dunedin District.—A new police-station was erected at Lumsden. Renovations have been carried out to eighteen stations. At the Invercargill Borstal Institution an additional story was completed on the south wing, a garage was built at the farm, and various maintenance-works attended to.

Greymouth District.—Renovations have been carried out to thirteen police-stations and six residences. A new stable was erected at Greymouth Station.

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

Avondale.—Extensive alterations and additions have been made to various buildings during the year, and renovations carried out as required.

Wolf Home.—The buildings have been repainted and a washhouse erected.

Pukitahi.—The following buildings in wood and concrete have been erected: Kitchen block, with dining-rooms, &c.; lavatories; dormitory for men's quarters; artisans' quarters; calf-pens and piggeries. In addition, brick and concrete stables, implement-shed, and boiler-house have been built. A temporary water-supply has been provided, with high stand and tanks, and motor-pump. For the permanent supply a contract was let for carrying water from Patumohoe Springs; the