

am writing to tell you how delighted I was with the way everything worked out. The hotel accommodation was excellent, motor services the same—in fact, nothing could have been better.”

From Mr. A. J. McDonald, Dubbo, New South Wales (27/5/28): “Before concluding, I wish to compliment the various officers in the bureaux throughout New Zealand for the information and assistance they gave me. For a Government Department their civility was wonderful. It was really a pleasure to be associated with them.”

From Mr. E. Wenzel, 315 Flinders Lane, Melbourne (21/5/28): “It is with pleasure I record my appreciation of your no-small contribution to the thorough enjoyment experienced on my all-to-hurried trip, finishing on the ‘Aorangi’ to Sydney from here to-day. The Mount Cook Section of the itinerary was a delight, and Rotorua and the geysers from there on the way to Taupo wonderful.”

From Mr. E. W. Wade, secretary, Dominion of New Zealand Bowling Association, 40 Office Road, St. Albans, Christchurch (26/4/28): “At a meeting of the executive of the New Zealand Bowling Association held recently great satisfaction was expressed at the successful conclusion of the recent tours of the Victorian and South Australian bowlers through the Dominion. The travelling arrangements were perfect, and caused no worry or anxiety during any stage of the journey. Will you please accept yourself, and convey to your officers, the sincere thanks of my association for the very fine itineraries arranged for both parties, and for the admirable manner in which all the necessary details were carried out. Various members of both parties expressed to me their thanks for the splendid arrangements made for their comfort, which were very much appreciated by all.”

From Colonel G. C. E. Elliott, care of Bank of Montreal, Victoria, B.C., Canada: “On leaving New Zealand, I desire to acknowledge how greatly your organization has assisted us in our travels through your pleasant country. I sincerely hope that at some future time we may be able to revisit it and once again call on your courteous aid.”

From Mr. H. A. Nyman, 38 Broome Street, Cottesloe, West Australia (10/4/28): “I cannot leave beautiful New Zealand without expressing my admiration and thanks for your very efficient Tourist Bureau. I visited your Wellington office early in February and had a marvellous itinerary prepared for me, which worked absolutely without a hitch. I was given valuable information and advice.”

THE YEAR'S WORK.

The following is a summary of the work of the Department at the different places under its control:—

ROTORUA.

Revenue.—The revenue for the year amounted to £35,670, an increase of £2,678 over the previous year.

Buildings.—A massage-room, 25 ft. by 10 ft., for women has been erected on the rear veranda of the Main Baths. All necessary couches, cupboards, and fittings have been made and supplied. The room will be used for Aix massage work, to relieve the congestion in the main building. The interior of the Duchess Bath has been repainted, and extensive repairs have been made to the concrete-work in the pool, rendered necessary by the destructive action of the sulphur in the soil. The work of renovating the spout baths at Whakarewarewa, principally in the matter of painting of the exterior and interior, is nearing completion. The lessee will bear a substantial proportion of the cost of this renovation. The Waimangu Tea-house has had additions in the shape of a bedroom, washhouse, and bathroom. The various departmental buildings have had the usual attention as regards painting and maintenance, and are all in very good order.

Gardens.—The outstanding feature in this connection has been the levelling of a large area in the sports-ground to make it suitable for hockey or football. At the request of the Tennis Club, a large volley-board has been erected, adjoining the grass tennis-courts. The playing-grounds and floral areas have received all the necessary attention throughout the year. The usual supply of eggs, poultry, vegetables, and fruit has been obtained from the kitchen-garden for consumption at the Sanatorium and King George V Hospital.

Water-supply.—During the year seventy new consumers have been connected to the mains. In several of the suburban streets which had hitherto been supplied with 1 in. piping, 4 in. cast-iron mains have been laid, with the necessary fire-hydrants, to the extent of 4,000 ft. This will enable the fire brigade to cope with any fires in this locality. During the year, for purposes of new connections and extensions, 1,904 ft. of $\frac{1}{2}$ in., 237 ft. of $\frac{3}{4}$ in., 10,061 ft. of 1 in., and 2,600 ft. of $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. galvanized piping has been laid. All maintenance work in connection with the complete borough supply has received the necessary attention.

Drainage.—During the year eleven new connections have been made to the main sewer, necessitating the laying of 111 ft. of 4 in. earthenware piping. The filter-beds have received all necessary attention in the way of digging and scarifying, and all maintenance work has been attended to.

Electrical.—No work of outstanding importance has been carried out during the year, but, on the other hand, a large amount of work has been done in making extensions and alterations to the distribution system to meet the demands of consumers. To improve the supply in the Fenton Street-Haupapa Street area a bank of three 10 kv.a. transformers was erected close to the intersection of this street, and the secondary distribution was also rearranged. In the Lytton Street area the single-phase 3,000-volt lines were changed to three-phase, and additional transformers erected, and the secondary distribution was reconstructed. At Ngongotaha 80 chains (approximately) of low-tension lines were erected to give supply to two dairy-farms and some domestic consumers. On Malfroy Road West a transformer and 20 chains of lines were erected to give supply to a dairy-farm. On the Okere Road (approximately three miles from Rotorua) the 6,600-volt line was reconstructed