

Greymouth District.—At Westport a new post-office in steel frame and concrete was erected to replace that destroyed in the 1929 earthquake, and was opened for public business on the 17th June. Repairs and renovations were carried out to sixteen offices and residences.

COURTHOUSES.

Whangarei District.—The courthouse at Russell was renovated.

Auckland District.—In conjunction with the courthouse at Hamilton a bicycle-shelter was erected and an electric bell system installed. The Clerk of Court's office at Putaruru has been transferred to other quarters and refitted. Repairs and renovations were carried out to three other courthouses.

Taumarunui District.—Minor repairs have been carried out at the Magistrate's courthouse, Taumarunui.

Gisborne District.—At the Gisborne courthouse all chimneys were pulled down to underside of rafters and rebuilt. General maintenance and repairs were carried out.

Stratford District.—Minor repairs were carried out at two courthouses.

Napier District.—The Napier courthouse was renovated throughout and maintenance work attended to.

Nelson District.—Minor repairs were effected to the courthouses at Nelson and Blenheim, and ballot-boxes were reconditioned.

Christchurch District.—General maintenance, repairs, and renovations were carried out to five courthouses.

Dunedin District.—Minor repairs were carried out to courthouses at Dunedin, Gore, and Half-moon Bay.

Greymouth District.—Maintenance works were carried out to three courthouses.

POLICE-STATIONS AND GAOLS.

Whangarei District.—Renovations and repairs were carried out to seven police stations and residences.

Auckland District.—General repairs and minor alterations or renovations were effected to twenty police stations and residences; in four buildings the electric installation was altered to meet Power Board's requirements. A new dairy and yards were erected and equipped at Waikeria Borstal Institute.

Taumarunui District.—Minor repairs were effected to five police stations.

Tauranga District.—Additions, repairs, and renovations were carried out to five police stations and residences.

Gisborne District.—A new building and garage were completed at Te Araroa. The old cells were demolished and a new two-cell lock-up erected at Tolaga Bay. Repairs and renovations were effected to five other buildings.

Stratford District.—At the Wanganui Prison the electric light installation was reconditioned to comply with the 1927 wiring regulations. Repairs and renovations were carried out to fourteen police stations.

Napier District.—The Police Inspector's residence, Napier, was shifted back from the face of the hill. Maintenance work was attended to at three other police stations.

Nelson District.—Repairs and renovations were effected to six buildings.

Christchurch District.—Repairs and renovations were effected to sixteen police stations and residences. General maintenance, repairs, and renovations were effected at Paparua Prison.

Dunedin District.—A new office was erected at Tuatapere. Repairs and renovations were effected to eighteen police stations and residences and to the Borstal Institute, Invercargill.

Greymouth District.—Repairs and renovations were effected to twelve police stations, three residences, and one gaol. A new four-cell lock-up is in course of erection at Westport.

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

Avondale.—The conversion of the doctor's former residence into a receiving-home has been completed, involving extensive alterations and renovations to the entire building. A telephone service has been installed in the main building.

Pukitahi.—Two brick villas were completed, electricity installed, and furniture supplied from the Public Works workshops. Permanent electric mains were erected at all buildings and roadways, and a permanent transformer substation erected. Additions were made to patients' quarters, and a temporary laundry erected and fitted up.

Tokanui.—Further access roads were made to the Nurses' Home, and the building was completely furnished and is now in occupation. Several new floors have been laid in main buildings, and alterations and drains are practically complete. Repairs were made to main water-supply, a room converted for male staff sitting room and a boiling-down house for piggery was extended.

A private exchange telephone system was installed, also a radio installation was extended to wards and Nurses' Home.

The electrical change-over to 230 v. supply was completed, road lighting and rewiring throughout was completed. A potato peeling machine and motors for sewing machines were installed.

Porirua.—General renovations and repairs were effected throughout. Various concrete and cement roof ornaments were removed as a precaution against earthquakes.

Nelson and Stoke.—New cow-byres were erected. El Nido kitchen block was rearranged. Fire-fighting equipment was installed, also material supplied for extension to Braemar Lodge. The entire Poorman's Valley water-supply original scheme was completed, and temporarily connected to 2 in.