

TOURIST DEPARTMENT.

Taumarunui District.—A new drainage system was installed to the Chateau, National Park, with extensions to huts and staff quarters. A new concrete intake and settling-tank were erected and connected to water-supply. Repairs were effected to main building, huts, and staff quarters and new heating-stoves fixed. Minor repairs were effected at the Waitomo Caves Hostel.

Tauranga District.—The juvenile section of the Blue Baths, Rotorua, was completed and handed over to the Tourist Department in time for the Christmas holidays. Steady progress has been maintained with the construction of the main pool and cubicles. The electrical portion of the work was done by the Auckland District Office.

Greymouth District.—The tourist hut, one mile north of the Blue River on the Waiho-Haast track, was completed.

Dunedin District.—New bathhouse and washhouse have been erected at Quintin Huts, several minor items were left uncompleted owing to the oncoming of winter snows compelling the men to leave. Sundry minor additions were made to the Milford Sound Hostel.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.

Whangarei District.—A cottage was erected at Dargaville in connection with the small-farm scheme.

Auckland District.—General repairs were effected at the fumigating building, Auckland, and at the Ruakura Farm. Ten cottages for the small-farm scheme were manufactured in our workshops, nine of which are being erected. A further sixteen cottages are in course of construction.

Tauranga District.—The Tauranga office has been moved into the Government Buildings, thereby effecting a saving through non-renewal of lease of rented premises. Tenders were being called for three cottages for the small-farm scheme.

Stratford District.—The Stock Inspector at Waitara has been provided with accommodation in the old post-office building.

Wellington District.—The offices at Palmerston North were transferred from Clarendon Buildings to the National Mutual Buildings. At Wallaceville Laboratory a chemistry-room was fitted up.

Nelson District.—Railway huts were erected in connection with the small-farm scheme.

Dunedin District.—Renovations and repairs were effected to six buildings.

SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

A large number of soldiers' graves has been attended to, headstones and concrete surrounds being fixed as required.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Auckland.—Extensive alterations were effected to the Customs Building, Auckland, to accommodate the Land Drainage Branch.

Alterations were effected to the Law-court Buildings to accommodate the Official Assignee.

Tauranga.—Several offices were transferred to Government-owned buildings, thus effecting economy through non-renewal of leases of rented premises. The presence of artisans and staff with plant at Bath Buildings, Rotorua, was taken advantage of to economically carry out repairs and renovations in Rotorua area.

Wellington.—A hot water heating-service was installed in the Government Printing Office. The chimneys of the Government Buildings were removed to third-floor-ceiling level, and a hot water heating-service installed throughout. An emergency earthquake-proof depot was constructed in Sydney Street and stocked with emergency tools and equipment. The old Government Life Insurance Building is in course of being demolished.

Nelson.—Quarters for the Research Staff, Scientific and Industrial Research Department, were erected at Appleby.

Christchurch.—A new store for the Public Works Department was completed at Addington. Two cottages were erected, and repairs, renovations, and additions effected to two residences for the Lands and Survey Department.

Dunedin.—Cottages were erected at Lauder. Alterations were made to the Pensions Office, Invercargill.

Booths.—Screens, ballot-boxes, &c., were provided and booths fitted up for the general election.

In conclusion, I desire to place on record my appreciation of the co-operation of District Officers and the efficient and loyal manner in which the architectural staff carried out their duties.

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