

At Rotorua the work of changing the borough electrical system from a 110 volt to a 230 volt system was proceeded with, and satisfactory progress made. During the year a number of vapour street-lighting fittings were erected in the business area of the town, and a considerable improvement has been made to the standard of lighting, the high illumination from the new system being very favourably commented on by visitors to Rotorua. Flood-lighting in the gardens and Neon colouring of the geysers are being proceeded with.

Improvements and additions were made to the water and drainage systems in the town, and a considerable amount of maintenance-work to the departmental buildings was done.

FINANCIAL.

The revenue collected from the various activities controlled by the Department, and the expenditure from the Consolidated and Public Works Fund for the past six years, was as follows :—

<i>Return of Receipts, 1931-37.</i>							
	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Receipts	58,876	59,138	65,077	75,634	84,564	100,678	

<i>Return of Expenditure, 1931-37.</i>						
	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Consolidated Fund	91,951*	85,850*	91,571*	103,028*	124,151*	148,389*
Public Works Fund	87,609	14,455	13,510	12,880	13,683	16,789

Ticket sales at the Government tourist bureaux for the past six years were as follows :—

1931-32	..	..	£241,415	1934-35	..	..	£343,933
1932-33	..	..	£263,573	1935-36	..	..	£402,148
1933-34	..	..	£308,255	1936-37	..	..	£480,789

* Includes expenditure on overseas publicity.