

Following the erection of these two new blocks, it will be possible to proceed with future extensions as required, properly located in respect to the administration block.

During the last two years the Auckland Hospital Board has also given considerable attention to the question of providing better and more accommodation for tuberculosis cases. The main activity has been directed to selecting a site, and the latest information is that finality is being reached.

*Waikato Hospital Board.*—The chief building proposals for this Board are—

- (1) During the year extensions to the Nurses' Home have been made.
- (2) Plans and specifications were completed and tenders called for a new administration block.
- (3) Tenders have also been called for a new office building.
- (4) During the year the two-story ward block showed serious building defects, and urgent repairs had to be undertaken. These are now complete.
- (5) A new Nurses' Home was built at the Matamata Hospital.

*Coromandel Hospital Board.*—During the year the Board discussed the possibilities of adding a maternity annexe to the existing hospital. The plan submitted was not accepted by the Board, who, so far, have not put forward any alternative scheme.

*Tauranga Hospital Board.*—During the year plans and specifications were prepared and tenders accepted for—

- (1) A large addition to the Nurses' Home.
- (2) Extensions to one of the wards.
- (3) Extensions and additions to the Te Puke Maternity Hospital.

*Bay of Plenty Hospital Board.*—(1) Extensions to the Nurses' Home were completed during the year.

- (2) Tenders were accepted for the erection of a new laundry and boiler-house.
- (3) It is proposed in the near future to provide more bed accommodation by extending the male ward. If it were not for the fact that the average days' stay of patients is extraordinarily low, this hospital could not cope with the admissions.

*Cook Hospital Board.*—During the last year several discussions and conferences were held with the Board and its officers regarding schemes of future development, and it was finally decided that the following works be proceeded with :—

- Hospital : (1) Extensions to the Nurses' Home. Plans and specifications are now complete.
- (2) New laundry and boiler-house. Plans and specifications are now nearing completion. When this building is completed the present laundry will be used as a central store.
- (3) New accommodation for tuberculosis patients.
- (4) New administration block. The completion of this last will allow alterations to be made in the main hospital, and enable much-needed single-ward accommodation to be provided.

Memorial Home : Plans and specifications are being prepared to increase the accommodation for women patients and the domestic staff.

*Waiapu Hospital Board.*—During the year the Board engaged an expert to advise on the best method of conserving the natural gas supply. As a result of the recommendations made, it is anticipated that the supply will be sufficient to meet all normal requirements. The additions and alterations to the hospital were completed.

*Wairoa Hospital Board.*—During the year the extensions to the men's ward were completed, and the Board has now completed plans and specifications for additions to the Nurses' Home, and a new cottage for domestics.

*Hawke's Bay Hospital Board.*—Further building operations during the year were—

Napier Hospital : (1) Extensions to the Nurses' Home. This constitutes the final possible additions to the present building, and any future accommodation for nurses must be provided in a separate building.

- (2) New office and administration block was completed.
- (3) The erection of a new two-story isolation block has been commenced, and when completed this will be the first isolation block in New Zealand built on modern principles.
- (4) More convenient and more suitable accommodation for X-ray department is at present under discussion.

Hastings Hospital : A new theatre block and a new out-patient department are in course of construction at the hospital, and should be completed in the near future.

*Waipawa Hospital Board.*—This hospital has been extensively altered and remodelled. A new theatre, massage, and X-ray block has been built, medical-administration quarters have been provided, and the office space extended. The general hospital has also been remodelled to provide more staff rooms, and to more easily allow of any future extensions.

*Dannevirke Hospital Board.*—The best ways and means of providing additions to this hospital, and also at the same time allow for future development, were carefully investigated, and following a report submitted to the Board it was decided to proceed immediately with—

- (1) Removal of the present building containing the Matron's quarters and erection on the same site of a two-story administration block to provide accommodation for the Matron and Sisters, a Board room, an X-ray room, and office and out-patient departments.
- (2) Erection of a two-story ward block, the ground floor to be used as a maternity ward and the upper floor as a women's ward.