

Departmental Buildings, Tauranga.—Here also the foundations were infested with the white ant, which was found to be well established in all the blocks and outside plates. All affected timber was taken out and replaced with totara. General repairs to the building have also been effected: all the walls and ceilings of all the passages and post- and telegraph-rooms were lined with dressed timber and painted. In most of the other rooms the ceilings were renewed in timber and the walls scrimmed and papered. Most of the work was carried out by co-operative contract.

New Courthouse and Police-station, Kawakawa.—A tender for the timber required for these buildings was accepted, and the work of erection commenced in September last. The work comprised the erection of Courthouse and Police-station, lockup, stables, water-closets, and fencing, and the whole were completed in February last. All the works were done by a party of local men, on the co-operative principle.

New Courthouse and Police-station, Paeroa.—These buildings, which comprised a Courthouse, Police-station, lockup, fencing, and outhouses, were completed in February last; all the works being carried out on the co-operative principle.

Sundry Courthouses.—Various repairs were effected in the Courthouses at Mongonui, Whangarei, Pukekohe, Waiuku, and Rotorua.

New Police-station, Mongonui.—A contract for the erection of this building was let for £249 in February last, and it was completed on the 30th April; and the building occupied at once.

New Police-station, Pukekohe.—These buildings, which comprise Police-station, stables, fencing, &c., were erected on the co-operative principle, and completed in May, 1895.

New Police-station, Aratapu.—The erection of this building was let by contract, and completed in April, 1895.

New Police-station, Waihi.—The timber for this building was obtained by tender, and the work of erection carried out on the co-operative principle. The building was completed and occupied in April last, and since then a lockup and fencing have been erected.

Police-station, Pahi.—A building and large allotment in a very good position were purchased for a Police-station at Pahi, and were occupied in October last. Since then a lockup has been added, and some repairs to the house effected.

Police-station, Auckland.—The soil-drains of the Police-station and barracks, Auckland, have been repaired, and other repairs, &c., effected, including a room for the use of the female-searcher.

Post- and Telegraph-office Additions, Paeroa.—Extensive alterations and additions to the Paeroa Post-office are in hand. A tender was accepted for the timber-supply, and the work of erection was begun in May last. It is being done under the co-operative system, and is now well advanced towards completion.

Post-office, Waihi.—Plans are being prepared for this building, and will be ready shortly.

Native School Buildings, Ruatoki.—A contract was let in October, 1895, for the erection of a schoolhouse and residence here, for the sum of £688, and the work was completed in May last.

Native School Buildings, Te Whaiti.—A contract for erecting school-buildings was let in May last, for £515.

Native School Buildings, Taita.—The building at this place was removed by contract to Opanaki, and erected there at a cost of £179.

Native School Buildings, Kokako, Wairoa County.—A contract for school-buildings was advertised, and tenders were received on the 21st May last; but they were considered too high and were declined. Fresh tenders were invited, tenders being due on the 7th instant.

WAIRARAPA—HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT.

Martinborough Post- and Telegraph-office.—A tender was accepted for the supply of timber, and the building is being erected by co-operative labour, and is nearing completion.

Greymouth North Post- and Telegraph-office.—A new staircase, bath-room, and bay-window have been added to the Postmaster's residence, and the Post-office and residence have been painted and papered; also, sundry repairs executed. The works were done on the co-operative principle.

Office for Agricultural Department, Masterton.—This building, with stable and outbuildings, have been completed, the work being done on the co-operative principle.

Te Nui Police-station and Outbuildings.—The erection of these buildings, comprising residence, office, stable, and fencing, was let by contract for £347, and completed in December last.

Pahiatua Post- and Telegraph-office.—A glass screen to verandah and porch were erected to protect the entrance from the prevailing winds.

Stock Inspector's House, &c., Woodville.—The erection of these buildings, comprising house, office, and outbuildings, was carried out on the co-operative principle, and completed in September last.

Porangahau Post- and Telegraph-office.—This building was damaged by fire early this year, and the roof and other damaged portions of same were renewed. The outside of the building has also been painted.

Hastings new Post- and Telegraph-office.—The erection of this building was put in hand during the year, and it has been completed. A high brick wall has also been erected to protect the building from the spread of fire from adjacent property, and an ornamental brick wall has been erected along the street-frontage. The erection of the building and walls was done on the co-operative principle.

Customhouse, Spit.—The erection of this building was put in hand during the year, and has been completed. The work was done on the co-operative principle.

Removal of old Police-office, Napier.—This building was removed to Byron Street, and converted into a constable's house. The work was done by petty contract, and included new fencing and outbuildings.

New Police-station, Byron Street, Napier, including Lockup, Outbuilding, and Fencing.—The erection of these buildings was put in hand during the year, and was completed in October last. The work was done on the co-operative principle.