

*Mental Hospitals Department.*—At Auckland a new male occupational block, No. 3, was erected and equipped, sundry farm buildings and an occupational workshop completed; the erection of an occupational class-room was commenced. Work has commenced on the new Lake Alice scheme, near Marton, tenders being accepted for two villas each accommodating fifty patients, eight staff cottages, and the water-tower; a Public Works Department office, cookhouse, and two-men huts have been erected. At Porirua three single-story villas in timber have been built, and the erection of another two, each of two-stories and of reinforced concrete, commenced. The female wing of the old building was demolished and a start made to demolish the male wing and the east ward. A house for the Medical Officer is under construction. A small substation is being erected at Sunnyside, and at Waitati a new villa is in course of erection. Parapets and other faulty work were removed at Seacliff.

*Mines Department.*—Public Works Department workmen's huts have been erected at Waitewhena State Mine, and miners' camps have been erected at Wilton Collieries, Glen Massey, and at Renown Collieries, Rotowera.

*Native Department.*—Eight cottages were built in the Whangarei district.

*Police Department.*—A motor-garage was built at Birkenhead, the office and cells block at Eltham was shifted to a new site and renovated, and accommodation for women was provided at the Auckland Station. New stations were built at Te Kaha and Ashhurst, a new station completed at Oxford, and new stations are under construction at Westport and Kerepehi. Alterations and additions were made to the stations at Taumarunui, Te Kuiti, and Waikouaiti, and at Geraldine extensive renovations and repairs were carried out. At Dunedin a new block is being erected at the rear of the central station. Earthquake damage has been made good at the Headquarters Building, Wellington. At Lower Hutt the residence was shifted and additional accommodation was provided. New residences were built at Te Aroha, Westport, and Riversdale.

*Post and Telegraph Department.*—A new post-office was erected at Kaitiāia, and a new post-office at Kaikohe is in course of erection. A reinforced-concrete garage was built at Newmarket, and the aeradio buildings at New Plymouth were extended. A new post-office is under construction at Te Kuiti. In Wellington, earthquake damage was made good at Te Aro and the General Post Office, in the latter case involving the removal of the statuary. The new post-office at Lower Hutt was completed, the radio station at Makara was also finished, and a commencement made to build a new telephone exchange at Island Bay and a carrier telegraph building at Seddon. A new post-office was built at Inangahua Junction, and an aeradio station at Greymouth. The tower at Greymouth Post-office is in course of demolition, and the tower at Kaiapoi was demolished. At Balclutha a new line-store and garage was built and will be used as a temporary office during the erection of the new post-office. A new post-office was built at Wanaka. The Invercargill clock-tower was removed, and the tower at the Bluff is being demolished.

*Public Works Department.*—A store, workshop, and switch-house were erected at Te Puke Substation. A reinforced-concrete office block and garage for the Hydro-electric Division were built at Nelson, a large administration building for that Division is being erected at Hamilton, and a switch-room, workshop, and store is under construction at Aongatete. An extensive plant depot is under construction in Christchurch. A garage was built at Hororata Substation, and several cottages for surfacemen and others erected at various localities.

*Railways Department.*—At Blenheim a new office and extensive additions to the goods-shed were completed. At Kaikoura the new railway-station, goods-shed, engine-shed, residences, and other buildings were erected. The erection of the new goods-shed, a large reinforced-concrete structure, at Christchurch is well advanced.

*Rehabilitation Department.*—Offices were fitted up at Whangarei, Kaikohe, Napier, New Plymouth, Hawera, Wanganui, Greymouth, and Westport. Trade-training schools were fitted up at Kaikohe, Auckland, Gisborne, Petone, Blenheim, and Westport, whilst at Auckland and Dunedin disabled servicemen's training centres were completed, and at Christchurch the building is well advanced; at Auckland special arrangements for blind ex-servicemen have been made with separate accommodation.

*Scientific and Industrial Research Department.*—Buildings were erected at Palmerston North for the Grasslands Division.

*Tourist and Publicity Department.*—Fire damage at Mount Cook was made good, extensive alterations were carried out to provide staff accommodation, and general improvements effected.

*Miscellaneous.*—At Pahiātua a complete camp has been remodelled to accommodate the Polish refugees. A large store has been erected at Aotea Quay for the Ministry of Supply. Extensive camp accommodation was fitted up at Avondale, Tamaki, and Waikaraka Park for various groups of workers. Wool-stores have been provided at Sylvia Park, and additional buildings in Wellington were built for the Social Security Department. Accommodation has been provided and furnished in various localities for the Land and Income Tax Department. The old buildings known as Bellamy's were demolished and a new restaurant block was erected, the law-draughting block was reconstructed, and additional accommodation provided for the Prime Minister's Department. General maintenance was attended to and alterations and additions were carried out where required.

In conclusion, I wish to put on record my appreciation of the continued loyalty and efficient service of my staff and the co-operation of the staffs of other Divisions and Departments and of the master builders and their organizations.

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