

*National Employment Service.*—Artisans' Camp, Waddington, was shifted to Petone to release the school-site at the former place. By reconstruction and conversion of Army buildings at Waikaraka Park and Mangere Crossing, Auckland, accommodation was provided for industrial camps.

*Police Department.*—Police-station and residence at Kingsland, Auckland, has been completed, and a new station and residence at Whitianga is in course of erection. A new police residence at Tauranga was completed during the year. At the Dunedin Central Police-station the accommodation buildings have been completed. In addition, seven garages have been erected and yard asphalted. Repairs and renovations were carried out at a number of stations, which include Hamilton, Dunedin South, Dunedin North, and Te Awamutu. Minor repairs and maintenance were carried out at forty-seven other stations throughout the country, and the contract for new station at Omakau has been completed.

*Post and Telegraph Department.*—A new post-office and line-store was erected at Kaikohe and is now completed. Automatic telephone-exchanges were erected at Island Bay and Karori, Wellington, but installation of apparatus at Karori is not yet completed. Work commenced late in 1946 on a modern two-story post-office at Feilding. Concrete to first-floor level of new post-office at Te Kuiti has been completed. Other works carried out include removal of clock-tower at Gore and completion of reinforced-concrete line building there. New line-stores have been erected at Papakura, Huntly, and Wairoa. A tender has been accepted for new post-office at Balclutha, and a contract let for removal of Nelson clock-tower.

*Public Works Department.*—Permanent climb-proof fencing has been provided at Zone Workshops, Soekburn, and a deep-well pump and sewerage pump connected to Wigram pressure sewer. The main workshop building at Soekburn was handed over during March, but electrical installations and reticulation, boiler equipment, and steam-heating will take several months to complete. The temporary plant depot at Dunedin has required roof repairs, and the blacksmith's shop has been extended. At Hamilton extra garage accommodation has been provided at Knox Street. The internal alterations to rooms, painting, and papering of the departmental building have been completed. In the Whangarei district maintenance to twenty-four departmental houses and buildings and twelve huts erected at Maungaturoto for workmen. Temporary accommodation for surfacemen has been provided at Whakatane and Opotiki. Concrete stores are under construction at Blenheim Road, Christchurch.

*Rehabilitation Department.*—Painting-training centres have been established at Miramar and Palmerston North, where an old Y.M.C.A. building was shifted from Air Force Station at Milson. Linklater's Farm was purchased, and also twenty Army huts from Ohakea to establish the Disabled Servicemen's Farm (Milson). At Napier, three steel hutments were erected and fitted up for use as training-school by disabled servicemen. The Corstorphine Training Centre, Dunedin, was built with a Quonset hut fitted up with partitions. Trainees' accommodation has also been provided at Whangarei, Kaikohe, and Kaitia.

*Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.*—In connection with plant research, a modern concrete laboratory building near Massey College, Palmerston North, was completed and occupied during the year, and several Army buildings were fitted up for use in Wellington.