

Government House, Wellington.—The reception-rooms were renovated, the exterior of building was painted, some additional fire-prevention appliances were provided, and the tennis-court was improved.

Industrial School, Levin.—A residence for the Farm-manager has been erected. Steam cooking apparatus has been installed. The erection of the farm buildings, office, and engine-room was completed early in the year.

Ministerial Residence, Molesworth Street.—An addition to this building is being carried out.

Parliament Buildings.—A new residence for the Custodian is being erected. The dining-room at Bellamy's was renovated, and sundry improvements in the buildings generally were effected.

Stock Inspector's Office, Carterton.—Drainage was inspected and reported on.

Hospitals, Mental.

Porirua.—The reconstruction of hot-water-supply pipe-circuits has been commenced, the old pipes having become corroded, and therefore useless. The hot-water-supply pipes in Medical Superintendent's house were renewed. Some extensions of electric lighting have been carried out, and an increase of the generating plant is in hand. Fire-alarm system has been extended. A new cooking-range has been fixed in place. The laundry-extension building completed last year has been equipped with the necessary machines, and the whole are now in full use. Some repairs were effected to storm-water drains. The new sewage-disposal plant has been completed and brought into use, with very satisfactory results. This plant is now about the best in the colony, sewage in quantity about equal to that usually derived from a town of a thousand inhabitants being completely purified without the slightest nuisance and almost without expense beyond interest on cost of plant. Telephonic communication has been established between auxiliary and main buildings. Some lagging on steam-pipes has been repaired.

Mount View.—Bathing conveniences have been extended in both male and female wards. Fire-alarm system has been extended. The natural decay of this old building has necessitated extensive repairs to some of the chimneys. Additional electric lights have been fixed. A small conservatory has been built. Baker's oven has been rebuilt. The foundations of steam-boilers were repaired and boilers reset. Some interior renovations were effected at main building and Medical Superintendent's house. A washing and an ironing machine have been ordered for the laundry. A large number of door-locks were renewed. Hot-water-supply circuits have been renewed.

Christchurch Exhibition.

The preparation of exhibits has been commenced for the Department's Court, and a report was prepared and recommendations made for increasing the stability of the building.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

Departmental Buildings.

Blenheim.—The new latrines have been completed. Water-supply improved by erection of pump.

Post-offices.

Picton.—Yard has been asphalted.

Renwicktown.—A water-supply has been provided.

Havelock.—Repaired and painted.

Courthouses.

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Picton.—Repaired and painted.

Police Stations.

Blenheim.—A galvanised-iron fence has been built round the station.

Picton.—A constable's residence has been repaired and painted.

NELSON DISTRICT.

Departmental Buildings.

Nelson.—The buildings have been painted. Strong-room has been enlarged for use by Lands Department, and some alterations to draughting-room have been made. A room fitted up for use of Sheriff.

Post-offices.

Nelson.—The construction of the new brick building is just drawing to completion.

Collingwood.—The erection of the new building was expected to be completed in a few weeks.

Takaka.—A fence was erected in front of building.

Motueka.—Repaired and painted.

Courthouses.

Nelson.—Alterations to Clerk of Court's room have been made to increase the size.

Motueka.—Repaired and painted.

Takaka.—Repaired and painted.

Brightwater.—A new building has been erected.

Police Stations.

Nelson.—Some alterations were made to Sergeant's cottage.