

APPENDIX F.

ANNUAL REPORT ON BUILDINGS BY THE GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT.

The GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT to the Hon. the MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

SIR,—

Public Works Office, Wellington, 1st July, 1910.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the various building-works carried out by the Department during the year ended 30th June last:—

Viceregal Residence, Wellington.—This work has been in progress throughout the entire year, and the main building is rapidly approaching completion. The erection of stable buildings, dairy, guardhouse, and gardener's cottage is still in hand.

Government House, Auckland.—A few small repairs required to keep the building in order have been carried out from time to time. The upkeep of the grounds has been attended to during the year as usual. Most of the furniture has been forwarded to Wellington for use in the new viceregal residence.

DEPARTMENTAL BUILDINGS.

Auckland Departmental Buildings.—Office furniture, fittings, and linoleum have been provided for the rooms in the recently completed addition, some of the walls cleaned and renovated, and necessary repairs to floors effected.

Thames Departmental Buildings.—Some minor works in connection with the rearrangement of offices in these buildings have been attended to.

Gisborne Departmental Buildings.—A bicycle-shed for the use of officers has been erected, and alterations to the sanitary conveniences effected.

New Plymouth Departmental Buildings.—Some additional fittings required in the Deeds Office have been supplied.

Wanganui Customhouse.—This building was painted and renovated throughout, and new fittings supplied.

Blenheim Departmental Buildings.—The custodian's cottage was painted and renovated, and a verandah added.

Nelson Departmental Buildings.—The concrete roof has been repaired and made watertight, fittings supplied, and renovations to the caretaker's cottage carried out.

Railways and Public Works Offices, Greymouth.—This building was completed in January, and has since been occupied by the officers of the Railways and Public Works Departments.

Hokitika Departmental Buildings.—Radiators have been installed in strong-rooms, and necessary fittings provided throughout the buildings.

Provincial Buildings, Christchurch.—Various small repairs have been attended to at different times, and efforts made to cope with the depredations of the wood-borer.

Christchurch Departmental Buildings.—Tenders are being invited for the erection of Departmental Buildings on the site at the corner of Cathedral Square and Worcester Street.

Dominion Chambers, Dunedin.—The erection of this building for the Government Insurance Department was completed in May last. A separate contract has been let for the installation of an electric elevator, and the work is approaching completion. The old building on the adjoining section was demolished, and the exposed portion of the new western wall strengthened. Drainage-works to serve the new building have been carried out under contract.

Public Works Office, Dunedin.—A small contract was let for alterations and renovations, which was duly completed.

Invercargill Departmental Buildings.—A contract was let in May last for the erection of Departmental Buildings (in brick) adjoining the Post-office block, and the work is now in progress.

POST-OFFICES.

Whangarei.—A new Telegraph store was erected.

Mangapai.—A separate wooden building was erected.

Auckland.—The contractors for the erection of the new Chief Post-office have made steady progress during the year: the foundations have all been put in, and the masonry walls are up to the ground-floor level. Minor repairs and improvements to the existing Chief Post-office have been made during the year.

Epsom.—The new brick office was completed in November, 1909.

Mount Eden.—A new brick office was completed in October last.

Mount Roskill.—A contract has been let for the erection of a brick office, and the work is in progress.

Port Albert.—Tenders are being invited for providing additional accommodation.

Helensville.—A contract has been let for the erection of a new building.

Pukekohe.—A brick building was finished in September last.

Mercer.—Additions are being made to the lineman's cottage.

Huntly.—A new brick office was completed early in the year.

Ngaurawahia.—A new building (in brick) was completed during November.