

Porirua : Male neuropathic unit, admission unit, and three villa units for males were erected during the year. Extensive water-supply works are in hand, also installation of electric light from Mangahao.

Nelson : General repairs and renovations were carried out.

Stoke : Improved lavatory accommodation was installed ; general repairs and renovations were also carried out.

Hokitika : General repairs, additions, and renovations have been carried out.

Sunnyside : Residence for Assistant Medical Officer was erected.

Hornby : A neuropathic unit was erected.

Templeton : A contract was let for the erection of a villa hospital, and the work is in progress.

Seacliff : Neuropathic unit, admission cottage, and coal-bunkers were erected. Alterations and additions were carried out to the main institution. Additional land was purchased at Cherry Farm, improved water-supply being installed.

AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS.

At Green Island (Dunedin) alterations have been made to the buildings purchased for a depot for the manufacture of rabbit-poison, and the necessary machinery and plant has been installed. Buildings have been erected on the Department's property at Wallaceville (Hutt Valley) for a poultry experimental farm, and the wine-cellar at Te Kauwhata Horticultural Station has been extended to provide additional storage.

HOSPITAL INSTITUTIONS.

The sum of £15,840 was expended during the past year ; the principal items of expenditure being the purchase of addition to the site at St. Helens Hospital, Auckland, enabling further accommodation for nurses to be established, and the establishment of accommodation for an ante-natal clinic.

At Queen Mary Hospital, Hanmer Springs, the new Women's Hospital was completed during the year.

At Otaki Sanatorium further bed accommodation for twenty patients was provided.

At Pukeora Sanatorium expenditure was incurred for kitchen block, store, and engineering services mainly connected with the change-over in the electrical system, and there was expenditure upon farm buildings.

At King George V Hospital, Rotorua, a new boiler-house and laundry were erected.

EDUCATION.

Considerable progress was made during the year in the provision of school buildings, both in country districts and in town and suburban areas, to meet the increase in population, the total amount of the funds allocated by Cabinet from the Education Purposes Loans Account being expended. The policy of replacing rented accommodation has been steadily continued, and special consideration has been given to the erection of small schools in isolated and backblock districts.

Among the larger primary schools completed during the year may be mentioned the Napier Street, Milford, and Forest Lake Schools in the Auckland District ; the second portion of the Auckland Training College ; Lower Mangorei, in Taranaki ; Roseneath, in Wellington ; and Papanui, in Canterbury. The infant department at Invercargill Middle was rebuilt. Secondary departments were provided at Dargaville, Otorohanga, Methven, and Fairlie. A new secondary school has been built at Takapuna. The Medical and Dental Schools in connection with the Otago University have been completed.

Additions to existing schools were made at Avondale and Kohimarama, Auckland ; Fitzroy, Taranaki ; Raetihi, Wanganui ; Napier South, Hawke's Bay ; Miramar South, Wellington ; North New Brighton and Beckenham, Canterbury ; Wyndham, Invercargill South ; and St. George, Southland.

Among works in progress may be mentioned the new Normal School, Auckland ; the New Plymouth Girls' High School Hostel ; a new school at Rongotea, Wanganui district ; the Wellington Boys' College Memorial Hall ; a new boys' secondary school at Coutts Street, Kilbirnie ; the Marlborough Junior High School ; the