

consumers has been made and maintenance work, with renewals, carried out. The Okere plant has been maintained and has been operated for one shift throughout the year. The street-lighting system has been extended as required, and seven gaseous discharge lamps erected in Hinemoa Street for demonstration purposes.

“*Water-supply*.—Fifty-four new connections have been made, and improvements in the supply service have been effected by enlarging some of the mains. It was necessary to lower ten chains of 4-in. cast-iron mains owing to new road-formation work.

“The Ohinemutu sewerage scheme, operated by the Rotorua Borough Council, was connected up with the Department’s rising main, and a good deal of work in extending the sewer connections remains to be done. Successful work has been carried out in combating the effect of sulphur on the mains, and little inconvenience has been caused by this.

“*Drainage*.—Eight new connections were made and several new residences were connected. A septic tank was installed at the Gardens golf pavilion, while the sanitary conveniences at the bowling pavilion were also improved. Some trouble was experienced through the usual sulphur deposit blockages. All types of drainage maintenance were carried out, together with general plumbing work.

“*Sanatorium Grounds*.—The floral display in the gardens has been warmly eulogized by visitors from all parts of the world, while the playing-areas have been kept in excellent order, as far as the weather permitted. The golf-links have been particularly popular, with an increase in green-fee returns, while considerable improvement to them has been effected, the benefit of which should be experienced in the coming season. All paths and drives in the gardens have been bitumenized, but will probably require a further coat.

“*Reserves, Pukeroa*.—The boundary fences have been renewed and the roads renovated.

“*Model Pa, Whaka*.—This has been kept in good order and has been largely visited by tourists. All carvings and Maori houses were repainted before the beginning of the season.

“The other reserves—Kuirau, Arikikapakapa, Waimangu, &c.—have been well maintained.

“The nectar and berry producing shrubs which had been planted are well established, and are having an excellent effect in increasing bird-life—bell-birds and tuis being heard regularly in the gardens, &c.

“*Round Trip*.—New conveniences have been erected at Waimangu, and all tracks, &c., well maintained. The boats were overhauled and recertified.

“Owing to the wet season, Lake Rotomahana rose some 5 ft. and considerable damage was done, the boat-landing having to be reconstructed. All financial returns were up, but it will be advisable to provide an additional rowing-boat and outboard engine on Lake Tarawera to cope with the rapidly increasing fishing requirements.”

BALNEOLOGIST, ROTORUA.

“Owing to the general election there was a falling-off in financial returns, but since the beginning of the year the resources of the establishment have been taxed to the utmost.

“*Sanatorium*.—The demand for admissions has been very heavy recently, and the hospital annexe has had to be reopened. Approximately 5,500 baths and 8,300 treatments have been given to patients in the institution during the year, and the great number of helpless patients has made the nursing, treatment, and portage particularly heavy. However, excellent results have been obtained, even in the worst cases, and many bedridden, helpless sufferers have been restored to walking and a degree of independence. Several outstanding cases have shown the tremendous value of the Spa.

“*Main Bathhouse*.—This has been very busy throughout the year, but it becomes increasingly patent that a new and modern establishment is essential.

“*Massage and Physiotherapy*.—These departments bear the main burden of work, and it is to the loyalty and sympathetic attention of the staff that the satisfactory results achieved are due.

“*Summary*.—I am more than ever impressed by the possibilities of Rotorua becoming one of the major clinical centres in the Southern Hemisphere, and look forward to this being attained. I am assured that the value of our mineral waters and high standard of physiotherapeutic treatments will draw people from all parts of the world. A policy of progress and vision must result in Rotorua Spa, as distinct from the other attractions of Rotorua, becoming one of the most valued possessions in this richly-endowed Dominion’s assets.”

MANAGER, WAITOMO CAVES AND HOTEL.

“I am pleased to report that the year has been a record one as regards revenue.

“*Tea-house at Top Caves*.—The old tea-house at Ruakuri and Aranui caves was pulled down and a new one erected. The whole area was fenced and three hundred native trees planted.

“*Hotel*.—A fire-proof projection box has been erected in the hall, and films are shown once a fortnight.”

MANAGER, LAKE HOUSE, WAIKAREMOANA.

“Despite the wet season, a slight increase in revenue was shown. The widening of the Waikaremoana-Rotorua road has been begun. When completed there should be a considerable increase in the number of visitors.

“New staff quarters and a cool store have been built. Additional facilities at the camping-ground include the extension of the electric-light system, the provision of an assembly hall, and a modern sanitary block. All other buildings and equipment have been kept in good order.”