

and they came into force on the 1st July. They are divided into Harbour Regulations, which are in force in all ports of the colony, and Harbour By-laws, which are only in force in ports where there is no Harbour Board established. As usual the services of the "Stella" have, as far as possible, been utilized for laying and cleaning buoys at the various harbours. A supply of buoy-chain of the same description as that used by the Trinity Board has been received from England. This description of chain is much preferable to that previously used, which was the ordinary chain of commerce.

At Manukau a contract for supplying iron buoys has been let. The signal-mast, &c., have been thoroughly overhauled.

At Raglan and Kawhia beacons to lead across the bar have been erected. This work was done by Captain Fairchild, of the "Hinemoa." Those at Kawhia were cut down by the Natives, but were again erected, and are still standing.

At Kaipara, the steam-launch at present in use being nearly worn out, a contract has been let to Messrs. Fraser and Tinné, of Auckland, to build a launch with engines of about 13-horse power, at a cost of £2,375. This vessel will be of great use to the Harbourmaster and pilot.

At Gisborne a large iron buoy has been placed on a sunken danger near the usual anchorage.

At Westport the signal-station has been moved to the South Spit, a situation more suitable than the old one, as it is nearer the bar.

At Karamea repairs have been effected to the signal-staff.

At Greymouth the signal-station has been moved to the end of the training-wall. The resignation of the Harbourmaster, Captain Allardyce, having been accepted, Captain Turnbull, Harbourmaster at Hokitika, was removed to this port.

At the Wairau River a sum of £310 16s. 8d. has been spent in improving the navigation. The work was carried out under the direction of the Lower Wairau River Board of Conservators.

At Nelson the boatshed has been removed and re-erected. I regret to have to report the death, by drowning, of the four men forming the crew of the pilot-boat. The pilot had boarded the "Wanaka," and it is believed that shortly afterwards a sea carried away the rudder of the pilot-boat, and she capsized.

At Waitapu arrangements have been made to have leading lights erected.

*Mokau River.*—Instructions have been given to have a survey made of the entrance to this river, and a surveyor has been despatched to carry out the work.

*Otago Harbour.*—Plans for works at Otago Heads were, at the request of the Otago Harbour Board, forwarded for the consideration of Sir John Coode.

The following Orders in Council under the provisions of the Harbours Acts have been issued during the past year:—

May 2: Approving of plans of alterations in first portion of Wanganui bar improvement works.

May 2: Approving of plans of wharf extension at Gisborne.

May 9: Authorizing Helensville Flour-mill Company to build a wharf at Helensville.

May 17: Authorizing Kaihu Valley Railway Company (Limited) to build a wharf at Dargaville.

June 5: Authorizing Warkworth Cement Company to build a wharf at Warkworth.

June 5: Approving of plans of Manawatu Railway Company's bridge and embankment, Porirua Harbour.

June 25: Approving of plans of alteration in first portion of Wanganui bar improvement works.

July 2: Vesting management of Kaikoura Wharf in Kaikoura County Council.

August 13: Authorizing Hobson County Council to build a wharf at Whakahara.

August 20: Approving of plans of third deviation from approved plans of Timaru Breakwater.

August 27: Approving of plans of ocean steamer's jetty, Lyttelton Harbour.

August 27: Authorizing Auckland Brick and Tile Company (Limited) to build a wharf at Avondale, Auckland Harbour.

August 27: Authorizing Mercury Bay Timber Company (Limited) to construct a boom across Kaimarama Creek, Mercury Bay.

September 11: Approving of plans of wharf at Petone, to be built by Gear Meat-Preserving and Freezing Company (Limited).

September 18: Approving of plans of two booms to be constructed by Union Steam Saw Moulding, Sash, and Door Company (Limited) across Waikahikatea Creek, Kaipara.

September 25: Approving of plans of wharf to be built in Auckland Harbour by New Zealand Timber Company (Limited).

September 25: Approving of plans of reclamation in Auckland Harbour to be carried out by New Zealand Frozen Meat Company (Limited).

October 2: Approving of plans of wharf and reclamation in Auckland Harbour to be built by Colonial Sugar-refining Company.

October 17: Approving of plans of graving dock, Calliope Point, Auckland Harbour.

October 17: Approving of plans of wharf at Riverton.

October 18: Licensing Union Steam Saw Moulding, Sash, and Door Company (Limited) to use and occupy foreshore on Waikahikatea Creek for construction of booms.

November 24: Approving of plans of wharf at Devonport, Auckland Harbour.

December 11: Approving of plans of wharf at end of Hobson Street, Auckland Harbour.

December 11: Approving of plans of bath at Forbury Point, St. Clair, Caversham.

December 11: Approving of plans of two jetties at Sumner.

December 11: Approving of plans of groin between north training-wall and adjacent foreshore, Wanganui River.

December 18: Licensing Caversham Borough Council to use and occupy foreshore for construction of bath at Forbury Point, St. Clair.

January 2: Approving of plans of extension of New Zealand Frozen Meat Company's reclamation, Auckland Harbour.

January 21: Approving of plans of reclamation wharf, Te Kopuru, Kaipara.