

*Christchurch.*—Five new residences were erected—namely, Little River, Cheviot, Glenavy, Waimate, and Riccarton.

*Dunedin.*—New buildings were erected at Port Chalmers and Naseby and a new office and lock-up constructed at Lawrence.

*Invercargill.*—Alterations and renovations were carried out at five stations.

#### POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

*Auckland.*—The additions to the Chief Post-office were completed and extensive alterations were made to the top floor. New post-offices and residences were erected at Kaukapakapa and Browns Bay. Alterations and additions were carried out at five post-offices and six telephone-exchanges. Extensive alterations and additions were completed at Newmarket.

*Taumarunui.*—A new post-office and residence at Taupo was completed.

*Tauranga.*—A new garage and line store was erected and maintenance of two other post-offices attended to.

*Stratford.*—At Fitzroy a new garage was erected and a new garage and store at Stratford is being built. Renovations and alterations to nine post-offices were attended to.

*Wellington.*—At Palmerston North alterations and additions have been completed. At Lower Hutt a new office is being erected.

Extensive renovations have been carried out at the General Post Office, Wellington, and maintenance carried out to two other buildings.

*Nelson.*—A new store and garage has been completed and renovations made at two other offices.

*Christchurch.*—Extensive alterations and renovations were carried out at Timaru Post-office.

*Dunedin.*—At Mosgiel a new post-office and residence was erected and repairs and renewals were carried out at four offices.

*Invercargill.*—A new post-office at Invercargill is almost completed. A new radio-receiving station is being erected at Awarua, and the old station converted into living quarters for single staff.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENT.

*Whangarei.*—Additional office accommodation was provided at Whangarei and Dargaville, and accommodation at Kaitaia.

*Taumarunui.*—Alterations were carried out at Taumarunui and Te Kuiti.

*Tauranga.*—New office accommodation was arranged at Whakatane and Rotorua.

*Stratford.*—Alterations and additions were carried out at New Plymouth and Stratford.

*Wellington.*—Repairs and alterations were carried out at Aotea Quay.

#### TOURIST DEPARTMENT.

*Chateau Tongariro.*—Refrigeration machinery has been installed and extensive renewals and repairs to the heating system were carried out.

*Waikaremoana Lake House.*—Additions were made to the kitchen and a new drying room erected and the electric installation was reconditioned.

*Invercargill.*—Renovations and alterations were carried out at Te Anau and Milford.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

*Whangarei.*—For the State Advances Department Rural Housing Scheme, thirty-eight married quarters and seven single quarters were completed. Three farmers were supplied with accommodation for seasonal workers. Renovations were carried out to six small farm cottages under the Small Farms Scheme.

*Auckland.*—The new building at Jean Batten Place is nearing completion, the probability being that the first three floors will be occupied some time in June. At Hamilton the Knox Street garage has been completed. A surfaceman's cottage and a garage were erected at Tirau. Renovations and additions were carried out at twelve Government Departments.

*Tauranga.*—New premises were fitted out for the State Fire Office. Six staff cottages and two surfacemen's cottages were erected at Taupo for the Main Highways Board. Forty-two married quarters and twenty-one single men's huts were erected under the Temporary Accommodation for Farm Workers' Scheme.

*Gisborne.*—A new depot at Awapuni Road was erected for the Department. The erection of a mechanical workshop is in hand. For the State Advances Department eleven married and ten single quarters were completed under the Rural Housing Scheme.

*Taumarunui.*—At Taumarunui an oil-store has been installed in the Public Works garage, and alterations to the grounds and departmental residence carried out. For the State Advances Department nine married and two single men's quarters were erected under the Temporary Accommodation for Farm Workers' Scheme.

*Napier.*—Internal Marketing Department: At the Hastings cool-store work on the insulating-chambers is well in hand. The well has been driven to 274 ft. Twenty-six married and fifteen single quarters were erected under the Small Farms Scheme. Thirty-five bicycle-racks were erected and general ground improvements were carried out at the Government Buildings. A five-roomed cottage was erected at Te Haroto and a three-roomed cottage at Caption Bridge for the Main Highways Board.

*Stratford.*—A new Plant Depot was constructed at Smart Road, New Plymouth. Office accommodation was arranged at New Plymouth and Wanganui.