

*Rehabilitation Department.*—Offices were fitted up at Gore, Greymouth, Hamilton, Invercargill, Westport, and Whangarei.

Trade-training schools were completed at Hamilton, Kaikohe, and Invercargill. A disabled servicemen's shop has been fitted up at Napier and a training centre has been completed at Riccarton. Alterations and additions to the building at Invercargill are in hand.

*Railways Department.*—The erection of the new goods-shed, a large reinforced-concrete structure, at Christchurch is nearing completion.

*Scientific and Industrial Research Department.*—The construction of farm buildings and seed-dryer at Lincoln have been completed. A laboratory for plant research at Palmerston North is nearing completion. Additions to the Magnetic Observatory at Christchurch are in hand.

*Social Security Department.*—Alterations to office accommodation at Greymouth have been completed.

*State Advances Corporation.*—Two sectional cottages were transferred to provide accommodation for farm workers and repairs carried out to eighty cottages in the Hamilton District.

*State Forest Service.*—Accommodation for workmen has been provided at Berwick, Dunedin.

*Tourist and Publicity Department.*—Improvements to kitchen block at the Hermitage, Mount Cook, are in hand, and repairs to buildings at Cascade Creek, Invercargill, and Milford Sound have been completed.

*War Assets Realization Board.*—Sundry buildings on Air Force and naval stations have been disposed of on behalf of the War Assets Realization Board in the Whangarei district and restoration and maintenance work carried out at Whangarei racing-stables.

The valuation and reclamation of material, equipment, &c., in a number of buildings and camp areas in the Hamilton district and elsewhere throughout New Zealand have been undertaken, two officers being on loan to this Department for the greater part of the year.

*Miscellaneous.*—Minor alterations and additions have been carried out at the Polish children's camp at Pahiatua, and alterations to the W.A.A.C. Camp at Miramar, Wellington, have been completed to provide accommodation for Dutch East Indies evacuees.

Plans and specifications were prepared for alterations to buildings at the Boat Harbour, Oriental Bay, to provide hostel accommodation, the work being undertaken by the Wellington City Council. The buildings have since been taken over as a Public Services hostel and further alterations carried out to provide additional staff accommodation.

Bunks were fitted to United States Navy L.S.T.s Nos. 373 and 375 to accommodate Japanese prisoners of war being returned to Japan.

Valuing for restoration or compensation was undertaken in connection with properties taken for defence purposes.

Fire protection work has been carried out for various Departments, many automatic systems being installed.

Furniture and office fittings, &c., were manufactured in workshops and supplied to various Departments throughout New Zealand.

In addition to services included under the aforementioned works, building engineering services, including heating, electrical, air-conditioning, refrigeration, and mechanical installations, were carried out to the value of £181,386.

General maintenance of buildings and services has been carried out where required.

In conclusion, I wish to place on record my appreciation of the continued loyalty and efficient service of my staff and the co-operation of the staffs of other Divisions and Departments and of the master builders and their organizations.

I have, &c.,

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