

POLICE DEPARTMENT

New police-stations were erected at Karamea and Dobson and a lock-up completed at Chatham Islands. At Fairlie a new police-station is under construction.

POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT

Te Kuiti post-office has been completed and Feilding Post-office is nearing completion. The following are under construction: Balclutha and Hokitika Post-offices, Nae Nae and Riccarton Telephone Exchanges, Cheviot Post-office carrier equipment building, and Fairlie line store and garage.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

A laboratory has been erected at Mount Albert for the Plant Diseases Section. At Christchurch Magnetic Observatory additional buildings are under construction. The conversion of a building for the Entomology Station, Ashburton, has been completed.

STATE HYDRO-ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Additional accommodation for Head Office staff has been constructed in Sydney Street, Wellington. The Half-way Bush concrete additional building has been completed.

TOURIST AND HEALTH RESORTS DEPARTMENT

Extensive alterations have been carried out at the Wairakei Hotel. Mountain huts at Mount Cook are being renovated.

GENERAL

All the workshops have been extremely busy during the past year on various works half of which were services rendered to other Departments for office furniture and internal office alterations.

In addition to the engineering services included in the above-mentioned works, engineering installations including heating, electrical, air-conditioning, refrigeration, mechanical, and fire protection services were carried out to the value of £319,949.

In conclusion I again wish to place on record my appreciation of the continued loyalty and efficient service of my staff. In the retirement of Mr. G. F. Penlington, Assistant Government Architect, after a long career of service in the Division, the organization has lost a most capable officer. I wish to record my appreciation of his support and unfailing devotion to duty.

I wish also to acknowledge the co-operation of officers of other Divisions and Departments, of the master builders, and the many organizations of the building industry.

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