

Mosgiel.—Some new fittings were provided for this office. A contract for a new building for post- and telegraph-office was finished in August last.

Milton Post-office.—The building has been repaired and renovated.

Lawrence Post-office.—This building has been repaired and renovated.

Roxburgh Post-office.—A contract for additions to this office is in progress.

Alexandra Post-office.—A contract for additions to this office is in progress. The private letter-boxes have been made in the departmental workshops in Dunedin.

Kaitangata Post-office.—This office has been repaired and renovated.

Mataura Post-office.—This office has been added to and renovated.

Naseby Post-office.—A contract for a new brick building has been let, but no work has yet been done.

Otautau Police-station.—The building has been repaired and renovated.

Bluff Police-station.—The building has been repaired and renovated. A contract for the erection of a constable's house is in hand.

Alexandra Police-station.—The work of repairing and renovating the building is in progress.

Oamaru Police-station.—The building has been repaired and renovated.

Hampden Police-station.—The building has been repaired and renovated.

Balclutha Police-station.—The building has been repaired and renovated.

Palmerston Police-station.—A new wash-house has been built, and the old wash-house has been converted into a bedroom.

Invercargill Police-station.—A contract for removal of the old building and erecting a new one was let, but work was stopped on account of alterations. An amended contract has been let, but no work has yet been done.

Queenstown Police-station.—A contract for the erection of a sergeant's residence is in progress.

Arrowtown Police-station.—A contract for the erection of a new station is in progress.

Milton Police-station.—The building has been repaired and renovated.

Caversham Police-station.—The two cottages have been re-roofed.

Alexandra Courthouse.—Work on repairs and renovations is in progress.

Balclutha Courthouse.—Work on repairs and renovations is in hand.

Lawrence Courthouse.—Additions have been made.

Tapanui Courthouse.—This building has been renovated.

Hampden Courthouse.—A contract for the erection of a new Courthouse is now in progress.

Waikaiti Courthouse.—This building has been repaired and renovated.

Dunedin Old Gaol.—A contract for the removal of the old gaol has been completed.

Dunedin Law-courts.—A large quantity of surplus earth has been carted away from the site, and a brick boundary-wall between the new gaol and the law-courts has been built. A contract has been let for the erection of the new law-courts, and very satisfactory progress has been made. The Port Chalmers stone base is set, the rubble front is begun, and the brickwork is up to floor-level.

Four offices have been fitted up for the Stock Department in the Colonial Bank buildings.

Owaka: Stock Inspector's House.—A contract for the removal and re-erection of a house has been finished.

Seacliff Asylum.—A contract was let for the supply of joinery and timber for patients' cottage. The work of erection was done by the Asylum staff. A contract was also let for the supply of timber and joinery for the auxiliary building. Both contracts have been completed.

Caversham Industrial School.—The erection of the dining-room block has been finished. The old building has been ventilated, and outside stairs have been erected.

Fittings have been provided for the offices of the Labour Bureau in the Colonial Bank buildings and in the Inspector of Factories' office.

Dunedin Telephone Bureau.—Some alterations have been made in the office in connection with the fittings of the multiple switchboard.

Offices have been fitted up in the old Harbour Board building for the Marine Superintendent.

MARINE.

A contract for seven wrought-iron buoys was completed during the year. The flagstaff at Kaipara Heads was shifted, and a hut built for the signalman. The erection of a third beacon is in progress. The dredging of a channel from the Onehunga Wharf has been started. The Westport Harbour dredging plant has been hired to do the work.

East Cape Lighthouse.—The works in connection with the erection of the East Cape Lighthouse are nearly finished. Some damage was done to the works at the landing by a slip.

Somes Island Light.—A new brick tower has been built and the lighting apparatus fixed, and the light was shown in February last. Some minor works have yet to be done.

An examination of the Manawatu River was made, and specifications for removal of snags prepared. A survey of a portion of the bar, Nelson Harbour, was made. At Little Wanganui some snagging has been done, the contract for the wharf has been completed, and a shed has also been built out. A contract has been let for the removal of some rocks and the erection of beacons. Contract plans have been prepared for a wharf at Karamea.

A considerable amount of work has been done at Sticking Point Reclamation, Lyttelton Harbour, by prison labour. The face-wall has been improved; the ground levelled; a large quantity of stone has been got; the crane has been overhauled, cleaned, and painted.