

Baths.

The Rotorua baths have grown in popularity during the year at a rate previously unknown, and the number of baths taken exceed by nearly twenty-four thousand all previous records. For the year 1900-1 56,081 baths were taken (including 9,982 given free to returned contingent-men and Sanatorium patients), yielding a revenue of £1,027 18s. 5d.; and for the year 1901-2 80,003 baths were taken (including 11,488 given to returned contingent-men and Sanatorium patients), yielding a revenue of £1,522 0s. 4d., which shows an increase of 23,922 baths and an increased revenue of £494 1s. 4d., or nearly 50 per cent. over the previous year, notwithstanding that at the latter end of last year the bath charges were greatly reduced.

The Pavilion, Blue, and Postmaster Baths buildings have been repainted and kept in repair. The Pavilion Baths building is fast decaying, and will have to be rebuilt within the next two years. This building and its baths are altogether out of date, and proposals for a more extensive and better class of building and baths will be placed before the Government later on.

One of the Rachel water-cooling tanks has been enlarged to give an additional supply of 16,000 gallons, making the holding-capacity of the two Rachel cooling-tanks 47,400 gallons. In order to maintain the temperature of the Priest Baths, the tail-races leading therefrom into Lake Rotorua were extended at a cost of £175.

The erection of the "Duchess Bath," which was opened by Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cornwall and York, and which embraces swimming, private, plunge, shower, and douche baths, lavatories, &c., and well-furnished dressing-rooms, has proved to be a step in the right direction. These baths are popular with visitors, and, although only open to the public for five months prior to the 31st March last, no less than 2,095 baths were taken, giving a revenue of £108 17s. 6d.

A Tailorman limb-bath has been procured from London, and later on it is proposed to obtain a full-size bath of the same class.

Arrangements are being made to obtain a supply of specially woven towels direct from the English manufacturers for Rotorua, Waikaremoana, Hanmer, and Mount Cook.

The male and female bath-attendants have been put into uniform.

The Postmaster Baths have been connected by telephone with the Medical Officer's office.

Regulations.

During the year the bath-ticket system has been thoroughly reorganized and placed on a proper footing.

The regulations for the control of the Sanatorium baths and gardens have been revised and made more comprehensive and complete. They are as follows:—

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONSERVATION AND USE OF THE ROTORUA SANATORIUM, THERMAL SPRINGS, AND GROUNDS.
RANFURLY, Governor.

In pursuance of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the two-hundred-and-forty-second section of "The Land Act, 1892," I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do by this notification make the following regulations for the use by the public of the reserve and grounds pertaining thereto which contain the thermal springs situate at Rotorua described in the Schedule hereto, that is to say:—

REGULATIONS.

1. These regulations apply to the Crown lands at Rotorua, in the Auckland Land District, which are within the area described in the Schedule hereto, including those planted and enclosed, and in which are situated the Rotorua Sanatorium and the thermal springs which supply the bathing-places known as the Rotorua baths and Whakarewarewa baths, and to the reserves made for recreation or other purposes in connection therewith.

Sanatorium.

2. Application for admission to the Sanatorium shall be made to the Resident Medical Officer, Sanatorium, Rotorua, and each applicant shall be subject to examination by such Medical Officer before being admitted to the Sanatorium.

3. No person shall be admitted (unless in accordance with Regulations 5, 7, and 8) except on the recommendation of the Hospital or Charitable Aid Board of the district to which he or she belongs, or the recommendation of the trustees of the benevolent society or hospital (if separate institutions) of the town in which the applicant resides.

4. The Board or trustees in making such recommendation shall guarantee the cost of such applicant patient, shall send him or her at their own charge to Rotorua, be responsible for his or her return passage, and provide a suitable supply of clothing. They shall also furnish a report on the case by a duly qualified medical practitioner, showing nature of complaint, in order that it may be known whether the case is one that is likely to benefit by treatment at the Sanatorium.

5. Members of any duly registered friendly society may be admitted, on the recommendation of the lodge to which they belong, on the same terms as patients recommended by a Hospital or Charitable Aid Board, and Regulation 4 shall be read as applying to them in all respects: Provided that not more than six of such members shall be resident at the Sanatorium at any one time, and that all the hospital beds are not required by patients admitted under Regulation 3.

6. The charges for maintenance and treatment for persons admitted to the Sanatorium under Regulations 3 and 5 shall be £1 1s. per week.

7. When all the beds are not occupied by patients admitted under Regulations 3 and 5 the Resident Medical Officer may, at his discretion, admit such persons as he may consider fit and proper subjects for treatment in the Sanatorium, and who have undertaken to pay £1 10s. per week for maintenance and treatment.

8. When all the beds are not occupied by patients admitted under Regulations 3, 5, and 7, persons may be admitted to the Sanatorium free of charge on the following conditions:—

- (a.) That each application for admission shall be made to the Superintendent of the Department of Tourist and Health Resorts, Wellington, and each such application shall be accompanied by a doctor's certificate showing nature of complaint, and stating that the applicant is a fit patient for and is likely to receive benefit from treatment at the Sanatorium.
- (b.) That each applicant for free accommodation and treatment shall have been a resident of New Zealand for more than twelve months prior to the application, and shall satisfy the Superintendent that he or she has not sufficient means to pay for such accommodation and treatment.
- (c.) That each applicant on arrival at Rotorua shall be subject to examination by the Resident Medical Officer before being finally accepted for free accommodation and treatment.