

tions, have been made at Napier, New Plymouth, Patea, Carterton, Christchurch, Waimate, and Invercargill.

The principal works provided for in the vote for the current year are: New Courthouses at Hamilton, Tauranga, Levin, and Campbelltown; the completion of the new building at Wellington; and additions at Hastings, Manaia, and Westport.

Gaols.—The expenditure under this head last year amounted to £4,964. The construction of the new gaol at Mount Eden, Auckland, was proceeded with, and also the new wing at the Wellington Gaol; and the Gaoler's residence at Wellington and some warders' cottages at Lyttelton were completed; and a site acquired for the proposed new gaol at Invercargill. In the current year's vote provision is made for continuing work at Auckland and Wellington, and for going on with the proposed building at Invercargill; as well as for a Gaolers' residence at Auckland, and warders' cottages at Dunedin; also for some miscellaneous works at Napier, Wellington, and Dunedin.

Police-stations.—The works carried out under this head were numerous, the expenditure having amounted to £11,633. None of them, however, were on a large scale—the principal were as follows: New stations at Onehunga, Ongarue, Ormondville, Patea, Taihape, and Invercargill; new quarters at New Plymouth, Denniston, Timaru, and Oamaru; new site at Akaroa; extensive additions at Auckland and Dunedin (King Street); new lock-up, office, &c., at Kawhia; and minor additions and renovations at Port Awanui, Napier, Waipawa, Hawera, Wanganui, Foxton, Wellington, Greymouth, Christchurch, Geraldine, Temuka, Waimate, and St. Bathans.

POST AND TELEGRAPH.

Under this head the expenditure amounted to £74,686. The principal item was in connection with the acquisition of the additional land for the enlargement of the General Post Office, in connection with which £34,060 was spent. Additional land was also acquired at the Lower Hutt, Rongotea, and for a telegraph store at Christchurch. The following works were in hand during the year: New cable-station, Doubtless Bay; new post-offices, Dargaville, Paparoa, Onehunga, Mercer, Te Puke, Gisborne, Napier (Spit), Norsewood, Weber, Inglewood, Opunake, Pongaroa, Wanganui, Hunterville, Levin, Carterton, Motueka, Temuka, and Gore; extensive additions and alterations at both the telegraph and post offices at Dunedin; new quarters at Tapanui; additions or alterations at Auckland, Waihi, Waipukurau, Manaia, Hawera, Wellington, and Westport; and minor additions or repairs at Te Kopuru, Waiuku, Port Awanui, Wairoa, Hastings, Collingwood, Cheviot, Waiau, Christchurch (Lichfield Street), and Oamaru.

CUSTOMHOUSES.

The only expenditure last year under the head of Customhouses was in connection with the new building now in course of erection at Wellington, and for the completion of the new building at Timaru. For the current year provision is made for carrying on the work at the Wellington Customhouse, and for some small additions at Wanganui.

HOSPITALS FOR MENTAL DISEASES.

The expenditure on mental hospital buildings totalled to £10,167, being principally in connection with the institutions at Wellington, Porirua, and Seacliff. During the current year a larger expenditure is anticipated, and provision is made on the estimates for the new auxiliary buildings at Porirua and Sunnyside, and for alterations or additional accommodation at Auckland and Seacliff. Provision is also made for new buildings and sites for the accommodation of a class of patients who will be better provided for in separate buildings. The exact location of these buildings has not yet been fixed.

SCHOOLS.

The amount voted for school buildings last year totalled to £100,750—namely, £27,750 under the Consolidated Fund, and £73,000 under the Public