

built; electric lighting has been supplied to all the buildings; two cottages have been built, also a dining-shelter for male patients; a dining-room and some sleeping-rooms for workmen; a shelter and a doctor's office. Additional shelters and other works are in course of construction.

*Police-stations.*—Additional rooms have been built by contract at Ponsonby Police-station. A stable at Waiuku. A constable's residence has been built at Te Awamutu; a sergeant's residence at Waihi; a station at Piriaka; and sundry minor works, additions, alterations, and repairs at other police-stations.

*Post and Telegraph Offices.*—A cottage has been built at Doubtless Bay Cable-station. Tenders have been called for the erection of a new post-office at Mangonui; a contract for repairs to the residence at Dargaville Post-office has been completed; a small building for a post-office has been erected at Pahi. Various small alterations have been made; extra fittings, &c., provided in the Auckland Post-office. A fumigating-shed has been built on the Auckland Railway Wharf. Tenders are being invited for the erection of a new post-office at Tauranga. A clock and chimes have been fitted up in the Gisborne Post-office. Other minor additions, alterations, repairs, and maintenance-works have been done at various places.

*Native Schools.*—A teacher's residence has been built by contract at Kenana; additions have been made to the Oromahoe School. A new school has been built at Kaingahoa, and a contract for the removal of the Tapuaeharuru School has been completed. A school has been built at Te Kaha and a new residence at Te Teko. The residence at Paeroa has been completed. The contracts for the erection of schools at Oruanui and Waitahanui are in progress, also a contract for additions at Ruatoki School. Tenders have been invited for the erection of schools at Waioeka and Mangaoronga. Additions to the Taumarunui School have been completed under contract. All maintenance-work, many minor alterations, and other works have been carried out during the year.

The contract for additions to the Industrial School, Mount Albert, was completed during the year. May-Oatway fire-alarms have been fixed in the building and sundry repairs and improvements carried out.

#### NEW PLYMOUTH, WANGANUI, AND HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICTS.

*Police-stations.*—A contract for alterations, additions, &c., to the station at Waitotara has been finished by day labour, owing to death of contractor. Some small additions and alterations were made at the Stratford Station; also similar work at Hawera. Some work was done at the New Plymouth Station in renewals and repairs, and some small additions and alterations are in progress at the Normanby Station. A new police-station has been built at Mangaweka, and a new stable at Moawhango. A new lock-up is being built at Hunterville, and the old Public Works office is being converted into a police-station.

*Post-offices.*—A new telephone exchange and some other additions have been made to the Stratford Post-office. A new post-office is being built at Eltham. New offices have been finished at Urenui, Raetihi, Hunterville, and Woodville. Some fittings have been provided at Wanganui Post-office, and a clock erected. A clock is also being erected at Feilding Post-office.

Additions to Customhouse, Wanganui, were completed during the year.

A Native hostelry has been built at New Plymouth; it was largely added to during construction, and the extra work is not yet complete.

#### WELLINGTON.

The contract for the erection of a Customhouse in Wellington is in progress; the work has been delayed by scarcity of bricks.

The Magistrate's Court at Wellington was completed during the year; also a Courthouse at Levin.

A police-station has been built at Featherston. A building was purchased and re-erected as a police-station at the Lower Hutt.

Additions and alterations in progress last year at Mount Cook Police-station have been finished.

A contract has been let for the erection of a post-office at Levin.

A contract has been let for additions to the Carterton Post-office.

A contract for additions to the Shannon Post-office is in progress.

*Clocks* have been made by contract for the post-offices at Oamaru, Ashburton, Feilding, and Wellington South.

A contract for the erection of a laboratory for the Mines Department at Wellington is approaching completion.

A building is being erected as a laboratory for the Health Department.

A brick building has been erected at Wallaceville for a laboratory for the Agricultural Department.

The contract for the erection of buildings for an industrial home for boys at Levin is now nearly completed.

A contract for the erection of public buildings at Napier in brick is still in progress. A part has been finished, and is now occupied.

A large amount of work has been done during the year at Mount View Asylum in interior improvements and renovations, &c. The No. 2 auxiliary building at Porirua Asylum was completed in October last, and additions to it are now in progress, consisting of a day-room, kitchen, and some attendants' rooms. A fire-alarm system has been fitted in No. 1 auxiliary building, and many minor works have been carried out during the year.

As usual a large amount of work was done in maintaining the various public buildings in Wellington, and in various minor improvements and alterations from time to time required. A considerable advance has been made in fitting electric light in offices, &c.